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On the Street

JUST getting in from a visit in some parts of my district, and I find that conditions are most satisfactory," said Congressmann Guinn Williams, arriving home from a tour in Wichita, Wilbarger and Cooke counties. While congress is adjourned Congressman Williams will visit his friends and supporters in all communities of the big district. He has a number of picnic speaking dates at gatherings in a number of the counties. "Meet lots of former Wise county people wherever I go, and they all appear to be doing well and are contented," he said.

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PERPETRATOR of this column met his friend, Jim Thomas of Alvord, on Decatur streets one day this week. The conversation very naturally drifted to the Sandy Creek-Decatur road action of the commissioners' court at a recent meeting. Sayeth Jim B.: "I read your article about the road; and I must say it is a good piece of what in this day is termed 'bull.' That is to say, what you say in the Messenger is good to read, but when applied to the facts and figures it drops short a city block or more.. We in our section of the county are strong advocates of good roads, but we refuse to accept the Messenger's plans for building them." When the scribe undertook the hazardous "duty" of righting his friend Jim B. on the matter we soon discovered that the job was hopeless. When we suggested that the Alvord merchant prince—and Jim B. is a recognized leader in the business world of Wise county—come down and become one of us in this neck of the woods, he made a wind-mill jesture with both hands and remarked: "This is a good and substantial community, 'tis true, but the Alvord section is doing nicely, thank you, and peace and prosperity abound with us."

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FRANK TURNER, banker of Bridgeport and one of the Coal Town's most prominent citizens, hits the nail square in the head when he says no county can come into its own in a commercial way without good substantial roads. "Look over the state," he says, "and where you find good roads there you will find a contented people and business affairs moving along with a zip. Without good roads a community soon [illegible]es the back track and it is out[illegible]anced by the communities that are up and alive to the benefits coming from travelable highways. In this day and time the average citizen is not content to let 'well enough alone;' he demands that his town and county keep abreast of the times. He wants to [illegible]ve about, mix and mingle with his friends and neighbors, and when business calls him away that man demands roads over which he can travel with some comfort. The day of the ox wagon has gone and the period of the tallow dip has been shelved. We are a progressive people; we must move with the procession; if we falter we fall. Wise county will take its place in the procession, its rightful place, when we as citizens come to the realization that good roads, highways, are essential to our commercial life." There is wisdom in Frank Turner's remarks, and his magnificent and tireless efforts in assisting in backing the commissioners and County Judge Carl Faith in promoting the construction of the Sandy Creek to Decatur road stamp him as a business man who has familiarized himself with conditions.

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HERBERT DILLEHAY, member of the Decatur high school board and member of the First Baptist church of Decatur, after hearing Rev. J. Frank Norris at the Methodist tabernacle, made the following statement to a Messenger representative: "If this man, Frank [illegible]ris, is as bad as his enemies [illegible]ure and paint him, he is one of the most remarkable personages that has come this way in generations. They say he is a fraud, a perjurer, and has committed every crime in the criminal calendar—from horse stealing to high treason; a killer and destroyer; that he has robbed hen roosts in his youth and in the evening of his life he takes fiendish delight in pulling up green [illegible]orn and drowning dogs of widows! [illegible]d yet, this bold, bad man, this [illegible]ntebank and counterfeit, is loved [illegible] honored by a church membership [illegible] is greater in number than any [illegible]r in the south. He heads a Sunday school that ranks first in the [illegible]rld's schools. When he speaks ten [illegible]usand gather to listen. And this, [illegible]ove all, the records record that he[illegible] brought fifty thousand weary, [illegible]uble laden sinners to the Cross; [illegible]t he has unburthened the heavy [illegible] of thousands of sorry souls and [illegible]d the bright light of peace and [illegible]atment to dance across their path [illegible]ir fitful and fighting journey in [illegible]vale. * * * Once upon a time, [illegible] a story, an officer in the federal [illegible]y called on President Abe Lincoln and reported that Grant was drinking too much, and his dissipation threatened to destroy the effectiveness of the union army under his command. Old Abe, the story continues, looked the officer in the eye and replied: "I would suggest that other commanders in our army learn the brand of licker Grant is drinking and imbibe freely."

FARMER NORTH OF CITY VICTIM OF SAD PLIGHT

C. J. Myers Hurt While Roping Bull on His Farm Monday

Last Monday morning about eleven o'clock one of the saddest tragedies that has occurred in the community in years resulted in the serious injury of one of the county's best and most prominent citizens, when Charles J. Myers, in roping a bull, became entangled in the rope he was using and was thrown violently to the ground. The rope encircled Mr. Myers' waist and the infuriated animal dragged him more than fifty yards. When found by members of the family Mr. Myers was in a semi-conscious condition, and medical aid and the C. L. Christian ambulance from Decatur were summoned.

The attending physician, after an examination, advised that the injured man be taken to a Fort Worth sanitarium. Physicians there reported Mr. Myers' condition critical, and late reports to the Messenger say he is in a precarious condition, with little hope held out for his recovery. It is reported here that an operation was performed and a quantity of blood was found in his stomach.

Mr. Myers, long time citizen of the community, has numerous friends thru out the county who will be grieved to learn of the serious accident that has come to him. Before moving to his farm, north of town, Mr. Myers was in the barber business here, conducting a tonsorial parlor on East Main street.

He was accompanied to the Fort Worth sanitarium by Mrs. Myers and other members of his family, and several relatives and friends.

BEALL TEST DOWN 750 FOOT LEVEL THURSDAY

Interest in the Hattie Beall well, east of town, is growing as the drill gradually grinds toward what the best and most expert authorities say promises to uncover one of the best and most productive pools of oil. The fact that the drilling contract is in the hands of men who know from long experience what they are doing is a strong stimulus in causing a watchful interest in the operations.

Thoroly convinced that the formation now being turned into production in the Cooke and Montague county fields has an outlet thru the eastern part of Wise county, the Wine Miller Corporation of Tulsa, Oklahoma, the company holding the contract for the Beall test, is proceeding with an assurance that something of a startling nature will be opened to the oil world in that particular locality.

The well yesterday afternoon was down about 750 feet, the bit working in a bluish shale, mixed with a slight trace of paraffine.

Z. Birdwell, veteran from successful operations in the fields of Oklahoma and Corsicana, is in charge of the drilling crew, which is made up of experienced, capable, trust-worthy men, and all are determined to give to the eastern part of Wise county its long looked-for producing well.

Before entering the county this corporation familiarized itself with the minute details of former operations here, and equipped with the logs, etc. of other wells the representatives were anxious for a contract in the section selected. So favorably impressed is the Wine Miller Corporation, it is understood a corps of their geologists from the head office has been instructed to come here and geologize other communities in the county.

Reports from the Beall well say the formation is running at a shallower depth than was encountered in other wells in the county.

Tom Terrell of Fort Worth, visited his parents and friends here Sunday.

Wise County People to Attend Field Meet

One week from today, Friday, May 27th, the annual all day field meet will be held on the state experimental farm, about five miles northwest of Denton, about twenty-five miles east of Decatur. Between two and three thousand of the leading farmers, bankers and business men of Texas, and especially of North Texas, will be on hand to see and hear the proceedings. A free barbecue will be served by the Denton chamber of commerce. Leading state educators and speakers will point out the significance of what is happening on the farm and elsewhere in progressive agriculture in a program to be conducted directly after the noon hour and after everybody has had a chance to make an inspection of thte crops.

This occasion is entirely worthy of a visit from everybody in Wise county who wants to know more about farming or who has the farm interest at heart. Make arrangements to spend this valuable day at this big North Texas meeting. County Farm Agent E. C. Jameson and the chamber of commerce are endeavoring to recruit a large attendance from this county by bringing the occasion to public attention. It is announced that no arrangements can be made to look to the comfort of women and children for this event.

The party of Wise countians plan to leave Decatur at nine-thirty o'clock next Friday morning.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING BE HELD AT SAND HILL

Decatur district fifth Sunday singing convention will meet on Sunday, May 29th, at ten o'clock at Sand Hill, six miles south of Decatur. Following is the program:

Opening song by Ed Young.
Prayer by chaplain.
Song by Ed Young.
Welcome address by Uncle Jesse Fullingim.
Song by John Lowance.
Response by John Denny.
Songs by T. L. Gentry, James Lewis, Cleo Ran, Dock Cook, Simp Privitt, Jim Mulkey, Ed Cates, Ode Patton.
Songs by York Simpson, Dale Stevenson, Glen Dunaway, Gaither Lowery, Homer Williamson.
Music by Allen Sims.
Songs by Jim Robertson and Oscar Owen.
Music by the Allison chorus.
Songs by John Denny and William Gregg.
Music by Joe Green.
Songs by Ed Gentry, Allen Mulkey, H. C. Boyd and J. C. Dunaway.
Music by Cordis Pounds.
Songs by Harve McGaughey, Woody Wall and Thelbert Decker.
Special by Henry Derryberry.
Songs by H. M. Derryberry, Rollins Taylor, Harlie Wall, J. W. Young, Earl Thrasher, Esper Walker and Leon Derryberry.
Others will be added as they come.

DECATUR BAND WON FINE PRIZE AT C. OF C. MEET

Splendid Advertising of City and College at Wichita Falls

Altho out-classed in numbers and instrumentation the Decatur Band won a clean cut victory in the third year class in which it was assigned in the contest conducted as a feature of the West Texas chamber of commerce convention in Wichita Falls on Tuesday morning. In addition to honors the home town band will receive two hundred dollars in cash as a prize.

By instrumentation is meant the number of instruments that are played in the concert. Decatur had twenty-three, while some of the competitor bands had as many as forty. Decatur won on the sheer quality of the music rendered. Of the three judges, one of whom was Carl Venth, leading musical authority of the southwest, two were screened from all view of the contesting participants and had no remote knowledge of the identity of the band that was for the moment playing. The award was thus made purely on the merits of the music rendered—and Director Scott Avery's Decatur organization walked off with the victory. Second prize went to Paducah, while third place fell to Clarendon, both of which organizations were superior to Decatur in numbers and equipment.

In addition to the contest in which the band won such high honors the organization put on three other demonstrations to flaunt and advertise the

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To Our Band!

Messenger congraulates the splendid Decatur Muncipal Band on its victory at the West Texas chamber of commerce meeting in Wichita Falls. Fine work, boys, and your achievement should operate as a stimulus in arousing the home town folks to a full appreciation of your organization.

You have had many ups and downs in keeping your band intact; you have done nobly against odds in battling for an asset in Decatur's interests.

Messenger believes in your band; it has all along championed your cause, and today Messenger is proud indeed of the magnificent showing, the positive proof, you have given that a musical organization such as yours is a thriving town's biggest and best asset.

Again, congratulations, and may your performances before the great gathering in Wichita Falls cause your home town people to appreciate you as you richly deserve.

Dr. J. Frank Norris, Fort Worth Preacher, Spoke to Big Crowds in M. E. Tabernacle

Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the Fort Worth First Baptist church, and one of the best known preachers in the United States, closed a series of sermons at the First Methodist church tabernacle here on Tuesday night. Coming to Decatur on an invitation given him by a committee of local Baptists, headed by John E. Boyd, veteran in point of membership and service with the Decatur church, Dr. Norris opened his "campaign" against sinners at the tabernacle on Monday night here before probably the largest assemblage of people that has ever attended a religious meeting in the county.

Long before the hour scheduled for the preaching people began to gather, and by the time Dr. Norris appeared in the pulpit all records of public gatherings in Decatur had been broken. It is estimated that not less than five thousand people gathered for the opening service. A choir of about one hundred, with Mrs. W. C. Milligan and Mrs. J. V. Patterson at the piano greeted the eminent preacher. J. E. Boyd, who headed the Decatur committee that brought Dr. Norris here, introduced the preacher in a few well chosen remarks, stating that he hoped those who had come thru curiosity might lay it aside and enter into the spirit that would pervade the meeting when Dr. Norris began his battle against the evil agencies. Ed Cates directed the singing.

Dr. Norris, in his preliminary remarks, stated he was glad to be in Decatur, and was happy to meet such a vast crowd of people. He paid a splendid tribute to the city and its citizens. When he asked how many in the audience had heard him preach in his Fort Worth church or over the radio about four-fifths of the crowd stood up.

Monday night Dr. Norris preached on "The Book of Revelations;" Tuesday his subject was "The Second Coming of Christ."

That the services had a deep and lasting impression on people attending the great gatherings is the opinion of all, and it is announced that Dr. Norris has promised he will return here in a short time to open a ten day revival meeting. Expressions heard on the streets of Decatur point to a strong demand for the prominent Fort Worth preacher to return. Between ten and fifteen thousand people, representing all sections of the county, heard him during the series of sermons, it is said.

"I am coming back," Norris stated in his sermons Monday and Tuesday night, "a'nd a great meeting is promised."

A number of prominent members of the Norris church in Fort Worth were present at the services Wednesday.

D. H. S. Graduating Fifty-Nine This Year

Graduating exercises of the Decatur high school will be held this Friday evening in the D. H. S. auditorium.

Graduates in literary are: Misses Minnie Pearl Arnett, Fannie Pearl Askey, Margaret Boyd, Beatrice Caraway, Elma Vernice Clark, Anna Eloyse Cook, Mildred Dillehay, Alma Foxall, Eva Jo Greer, Cathryn Ruth Helm, Isobelle Hunt, Alice Frances Kerr, Frances Lacey, Pauline Lawson, Ruth Layfield, Frances McCarter, Annette McMordie, Jewel Mitchell, Imogene Moore, Mary Myers, Christine Nobles, Jeanette Phillips, Jessie Lee Ramsey, Gladys Rankin, Clara Mae Reeves, Flora Reeves, Jewel Reeves, Hannah Marie Renshaw, Pearl Taylor, Calva Tilghman, La Verne Thompson, Sue Ella Van Meter, and Lillian Walker; Messrs. Worth Arnette, J. C. Banks, J. C. Blewett, Aubrey Deaton, John Thomas Dunn, T. J. Elder, Claude Henson, Harold Jones, Herman Jones, J. H. Lynch, Chester May, Frank McMordie, Henry Moody, Orus Moody, William Montgomery, Roger Nobles, Luke Ramsey, Joe Bailey Rice, Jack Rieger, Milner Sandifer, Perry Sandifer, Basil Spain, M. J. Vaughn, Onie Walker, Mark Whittenburg and Blake Workman.

Expression graduates are Misses Eva Ruth Brady, Gladys Clements and Hannah Marie Renshaw; music graduates are Misses Anna Eloyse Cook, Cathryn Ruth Helm, Isobelle Hunt and Imogene Moore.

SCHOFFELMAYER IS TO SPEAK IN CITY MAY 28

It ought to be a matter of intense interest to all the county that Victor Schoffelmayer is coming to Decatur on Saturday, May 28th, to make a speech. Schoffelmayer is the father of the Dallas News cotton contest, of "more cotton on fewer acres" fame. He is agricultural editor of the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News, and has perhaps had more influence on farming of the entire south than any other man of that region. He is a dynamic man and speaker. His policies of farming have broadly affected the commercial and agricultural interests of the south, and for that matter the entire world, and all for the better. He is a man to whom the entire country owes a debt of gratitude because he has taught us all how to farm at a profit.

He is coming to Decatur to dispense more of this saving information by word of mouth directly in our hearing and he is entitled to a hearing that should exceed the right and justice of most any other public speaker. He is coming at the invitation of the chamber of commerce and the county farm agent, E. C. Jameson.

Mr. Schoffelmayer will speak on the court house lawn at two p. m. And incidentally, he will ask for entrants in the cotton contest and will have entry blanks and crop records for distribution ready for those who desire to take a part and learn in this great movement. Decatur thinks so much of the worth and value of Mr. Schoffelmayer's visit and talk that it will have the band out to give a free concer in advance of the hour of the gathering. Everybody remember the date and be in Decatur for this big occasion.

Marion Askey Returns to Home with Paralysis

Marion Askey, who has been working in Childress, came home Sunday afternoon, suffering with a slight attack of paralysis, and he is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Askey. Marion is a world war veteran, and while serving the colors in France he was wounded twice. He has numerous friends in his old home town who will be sorry to learn that he has been stricken.

Mrs. Askey accompanied him home and is with him at the Askey home in Northwest Decatur.

McD. Bradford Passed Away in New Orleans

Word reached Decatur last Monday that McD. Bradford, seventy-eight years of age and a former citizen of Decatur, died in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 13th, following a prtracted illness of consumption. He was well and favorably known in this city. He was a son of "Uncle Buck" Bradford, pioneer Methodist preacher.

VAST AREA MAY BE SAVED THRU FLOOD PROJECT

Reclamation of Bottom Lands on Creeks of County Advised

Reclamation of the rich bottom lands of Denton and Sandy Creeks thru a system of drainage plans is entirely feasible and practical, according to B. F. Williams, state engineer of reclamation of Austin, who was here Tuesday to make a personal investigation. He was accompanied to Decatur by Mr. Forrest of a firm of engineers of Dallas.

Both were accompanied for an inspection of Denton Creek by J. V. Patterson and Commissioner Henry Walker. The creek was inspected on both sides from the vicinity of the Greenwood crossing on the lower road all the way to thte vicinity of Allison.

Cost per acre for reclamation was estimated to run from twenty to twenty-five dollars, and under a bond plan of financing could be stretched over a long number of years so that the cost would hardly be felt in any one year. The result would be to reclaim land worth, under intensive cultivation and practically free of the hazard of disastrous floods, many times more than the initial cost of the improvement. The road systems of the county, where they cross the creek, would also be lifted from the embargo of bad weather and travel difficulty.

It was impractical for the engineers to visit Sandy Creek on this trip, but they will do so later. However, it is recognized that the problems of the two creeks are almost identically the same and will yield to an identical manner of treatment. The state engineer is giving his counsel to the county at the invitation of some of the concerned property owners, at whose behest an invitation was extended to Mr. Williams by the Decatur chamber of commerce.

M. D. LEWIS STORE AT BOYD IS BURGLARIZED

Two negro men, John Wilson and Bill Johnson, working on a farm in the Aurora community, were arrested Monday morning and brought to the county jail in Decatur, charged with burglarizing the Mack Lewis store in Boyd last Sunday night. When the premises where the negroes live were searched about four hundred dollars worth of clothing, boots, shoes, hats and groceries were found. The stolen property had been put in sacks and tied to rafters in the wind-mill tower.

The burglary was not discovered until early Monday morning, when Mr. Lewis opened his store, and he immediately notified Sheriff George Gage. Arriving in Boyd, Sheriff Gage, with the assistance of Constable A. S. Scroggins, began an investigation and in a few hours they had traced the stolen goods to the farm on which the negroes, Wilson and Johnson, worked.

It is said that the negroes loaded a wagon with the goods and drove to the farm. Entrance to the Lewis store was affected thru a rear door.

One of the negroes, Wilson, was wanted on a forgery charge..

Dr. J. Frank Norris, who closed a series of sermons here on Tuesday night, states that a report of the meeting will be broadcast over his radio, and a full and complete report will appear in the First Baptist church's official newspaper, Fundamentalist.

Motor Officer Arrested Drunken Party Sunday

Motor Officer Paul Kennedy arrested a young man from Fort Worth, on the Meridian Highway Sunday afternoon and brought him to Decatur to answer a charge of intoxication.

When arrested the young man and one of his women companions showed effects of having taken on a goodly supply of "home brew." While waiting in the office of Sheriff Gage the woman became desperately sick and vomited all over the floor.

Four people were in the party, driving out of Fort Worth, but only two of the quartet appeared to have looked upon the brew while it was dangerous.

Park Springs School Is One of Best in County

Park Springs school closed Friday of last week, with graduating exercises being held on Monday night. A very successful term has been had in the school, and continued efforts on the part of the teachers and patrons are making Park Springs and her school prominent in the county.

Friday night the seniors presented a program which netted about forty dollars. Bro. Warren of Clay county, preached the baccalaureate sermen in the school auditorium Sunday morning. Monday the class address was delivered by Colby D. Hall, dean of Texas Christian University.

Diplomas were delivered to the following graduates: Misses Venus Whetsell, Anyse James, Dovie Holtzclaw, Maggie Adams and Faustine Knightstep; Messrs. L. C. McKay, O. V. Mitchum, Jewel Chadwick and Melvin Lawyers.

D. B. C. Piano Students Be In Recital Monday

Following is program for the graduating recital to be given by Misses Jessie Lee Ramsey and Julia Bellah, pupils of Mrs. H. H. Gose, assisted by Truett Wilson, baritone, in the college chapel on Monday evening, May 23rd, at eight-fifteen o'clock:

Sonta, Opus 31 No. 3 .... Beethoven
Julia Bellah

Sonata, Opus 31 No. 2 .... Beethoven
Jessie Lee Ramsey

By Waters of Minnetonka .... Lieurance
The Old Refrain .... Kreisler
A Perfect Day .... Carrie Jacobs Bond
Truett Wilson

Prelude and Fugue .... Bach
Maiden's Wish .... Chopin-Liszt
Witch's Dance .... MacDowell
Julia Bellah

Polonaise, Opus 40 No. 2 .... Chopin
Impromptu, Opus 51 .... Chopin
Au Bord d'une Source .... Liszt
Jessie Lee Ramsey

In the Garden of My Heart .... Ball
When I'm With You .... Robison
Truett Wilson

The Jester—Two Pianos .... Beecher
Jessie Lee Ramsey, Mrs. Gose

Rev. J. M. [illegible] will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and Pastor R. E. Bell will be in his pulpit at the evening hour. The public is invited.—R. E. Bell, Pastor.

Mrs. Lucinda Watts of Decatur Died May 18th

Mrs. Lucinda Watts, citizen of Decatur for more than forty years, died at her home in North Decatur Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Watts had been in failing health for some time. She had many warm friends in the city who appreciated her splendid charactet and good traits.

Mrs. Watts was a member of the Methodist church and she lived the life of a christian.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon by Rev. E. H. Mays, pastor of the Methodist church. Interment was in Oaklawn cemetery. Several children survive.

Slidell School Exercises To Begin on Saturday

Closing exercises of Slidell school will be held beginning on Saturday night of this week and continuing thru next week. Following is the series of programs:

Saturday, May 21st, at eight p. m., play by eighth grade, "Her Blessed Boy;" Sunday, May 22nd, at eleven a. m., baccalaureate sermon by Rev. R. E. Bell of Decatur; Tuesday, May 24th, at eight p. m., seventh grade play and presentation of the grammar school diplomas; Wednesday, May 24th, at eight p. m., senior play, "The Crimson and Blue;" Thursday, May 26th, at eight p. m., grades program; Friday, May 27th, ten a. m. to four p. m., all day picnic, school fair and ball games; Friday, May 27th, at eight p. m., graduating exercises, congressman Guinn Williams delivering the address to the class.

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These are events every man and woman in the community should observe, as we are giving you prices for these three days that are usually given in our July Clearance Sale. Now is the time to buy --- Come early and get yours before the stock is picked over. Supply your summer clothing needs NOW!

Special Dress Sale

FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY

For three days we are offering silk dresses at prices that are usually given in our July Clearance Sale. All sizes are here both in light and dark patterns. Be here early Friday morning and make your selections early. Any alterations necessary are made without extra cost.

$1.00 silk dresses now selling for only	**$6.95**
$16.75 silk dresses now selling for only	**$11.95**
$19.75 silk dresses now selling for only	**$13.35**
24.75 sil kdresses now selling for only	**$16.95**
$29.75 silk dresses now selling for only	**$19.95**
$34.75 silk dresses now selling for only	**$23.95**
$39.75 silk dresses now selling for only	**$26.75**

MEN'S HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX TROPICAL WORSTED SUITS

—Every hot weather suit in stock sold at this one price; full range of sizes and patterns to select from. Formerly sold from $25.00 up to $35.00. At this low price the stock will soon be broken, so we advise you to make an early selection. Remember the three days—Friday, Saturday and Monday. This is an extra special value at this time of the year and a bargain that you should not fail to take advantage of. Come in today and take your choice of any hot weather suit in the house for the one low price **$17.95**

CHICO REVIEW PRAISES COMMISSIONERS COURT

One of the most constructive and beneficial road programs ever enacted by the whole people of Wise county was put in motion this week when the commissioners' court made financial arrangements making it possible for the state and federal governments to come in with the county to connect the Thirty-Ninth Highway with the Meridian Highway at Decatur. The new plan means a hard surfaced road with adequate draining structures and bridges; and when the entire program is completed will not raise the taxes in Wise county.

Congratulations to a commissioners' court that has business ability for county wide interest foresightedness to adjust financial affairs in such a business like manner.

This road program, when completed, means hard surfaced road connections from Decatur west to Jacksboro, where three hard surfaced roads are already completed and connects Wise county with the hard surfaced roads to the west, southwest and northwest. This is one of the most important and beneficial highway connections that could possibly come to our county. It will permit the farmers of Wise county to truck their produce and commodities to the various sections of the state requiring same for distribution. It will encourage diversification in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, stock raising, dairying, etc. In fact, the road connections are indispensable and when finished Wise county will have a system of state and federal roads second to none and traversing the county from north to south and from east to west: and in the course of time, when these roads are taken off of the expense of the county, more money will be available and devoted to the improvement of lateral roads. Every community of the county will feel and realize the benefits. The charming and gratifying element of the solution is our taxes will not be raised, but in addition to all these enumerated advantages the state and federal governments will contribute possibly five dollars to one spent by the county; all this money will go into the pockets of the citizens of Wise county for labor performed in the building of this program of roads. All praise to our competent commissioners' court.—Chico Review.

Col. Dick McCarty of Albany Visits in Town

Col. Dick McCarty, editor of the Albany News, Shackelford county's most outstanding citizen, was in Decatur Saturday, en route to the West Texas chamber of commerce meeting in Wichita Falls. Col. Dick delivered the welcome address at the big gathering. While in town he was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office.

The Irish gentleman and the Messenger editor were comrades in arms and so-forth during the unpleasantness with Spain, serving in the Third Texas regiment. We know Dick McCarty; he is a prince of fellows, honest, and his friendship is at true as rip-saw steel. We rejoice to know that our long time friend is succeeding in the newspaper field. He is a relative of the Fords here.

DOUGLASVILLE

Miss Edith Ford, who has been teaching school at Dido, attended our picnic Friday.

Mrs. Susie Devers and children of Fort Worth, spent Friday and Saturday of last week with relatives here.

Mrs. Lee Smith is in a hospital at Decatur, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her condition was serious for some time, but we are glad to report she is better now.

Our school closed last Friday with a picnic. In the afternoon both the patrons and pupils enjoyed a baseball game between Aurora and Douglasville, the score being 12 to 3 in favor of the latter.

HOWARD ACQUITTED IN LOCAL COURT MONDAY

Jury in the case against Clemmy Howard, charged with disturbing the peace by using loud, vociferous and indescent language in a public place, returned a verdict of not guilty in 'Squire H. E. Brady's court Monday morning.

Mr. Howard was indicted some days ago, and it was alleged that he, in company with a lady friend, entered a restaurant on East Main street and while partaking of ice cream he became boisterous and abusive, using unlady-like language in the presence of a number of customers in the house. At the trial one witness testified that the language used by Mr Howard was loud and vociferous—so loud that "he could be heard on the public square."

Four witnesses, including a Mrs. Driscoll, who testified she accompanied Mr. Howard to the restaurant, and who accepted a treat of ice cream from him, swore he did not use language that was calculated to disturb the peace of anyone. "Had he used bad language in your presence would you have reported him to the officers, Mrs. Driscoll?" asked the prosecuting attorney. Mrs. Driscoll replied that she "certainly would have reported him."

The jury was out only a few minutes. Justice Brady's court room was filled during the proceedings.

Mr. Howard, on the stand, denied the charges, and when asked by County Attorney F. A. Davenport if he were in the habit of partaking of strong drink and talking loud in public places swore he was not given to drinking and that his conversations were conducted in a mild tone of voice.

Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Vaughn and daughters of Chico, were in this city Saturday.

Miss Juanita Perrin of Fort Worth, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Blewett and family Sunday.

Tom Blanton's enemies say he is an agitator. If true a palpitating public would suggest that other congressmen get next to what is causing Tom to agitate and feed themselves up on it.

For Sale — Blackberries and dewberries; come and see or phone Ind. phon 5 on 4. C. D. Long, two miles west of Decatur, on Chico road, about one-fourth mile east of Bethel church.

Attend the graduating exercises of Decatur high school tonight.

Card of Thanks.

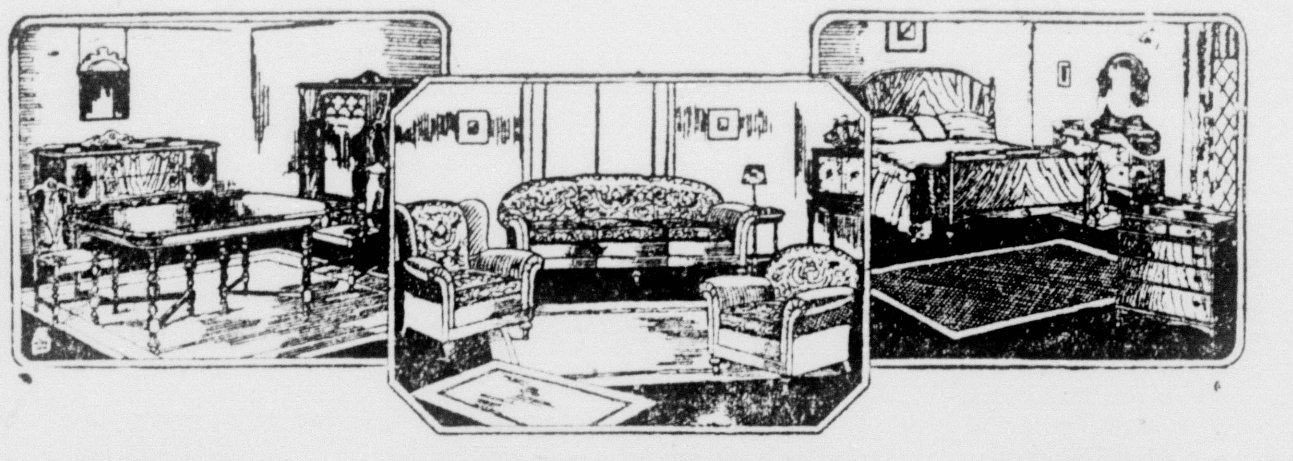
We take this means of expressing our sincere thanks for the many kind deeds of our friends and neighbors in the illness and death of our dear mother. May you have such friends when the dark clouds hover over your home.—Mrs. Alice Robison, Mrs. Sallie McGuire, William Watts, Oscar Watts, Oliver Watts.

Death has so many doors to let out life.—Beaumont and Fletcher.

Decatur Band will given an open air concert on the court house lawn next Friday night, May 27th, in the uniforms they wore at Wichita Falls as victors. Turn out and do honor to the boys who won the big prize.

For Sale—Nice springer Jersey heifer; also a Jersey cow that will soon freshen. W. W. Brown at post office.

He who should teach men to die would at the same time teach them to live.—Montaigne.



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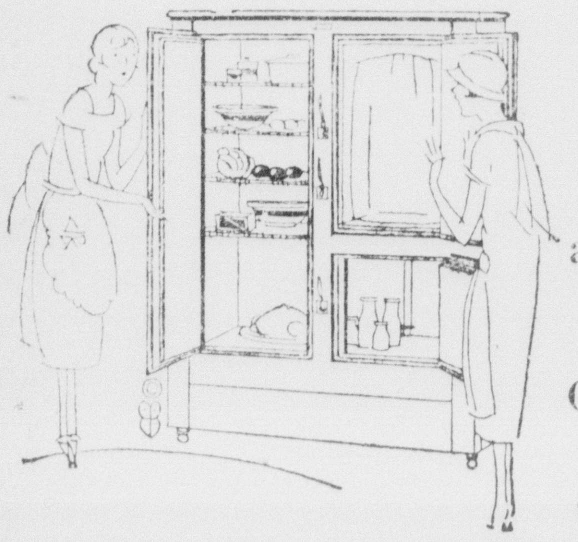

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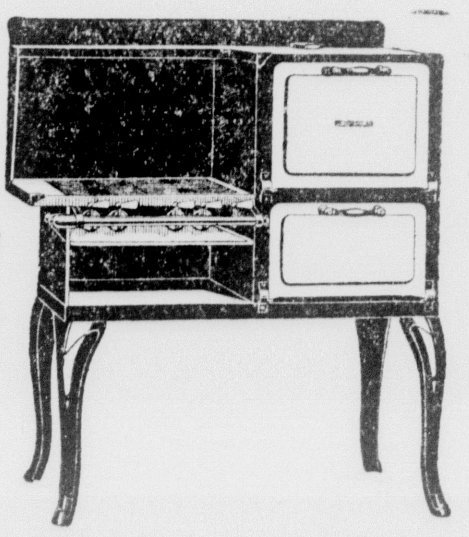

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Friday Morning, May 20, 1927

Where an opinion is general it is usually correct.—Jane Austen.

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We would suggest that the revolutionists in Nicaragua "tell it to the marines."

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"Getting Gertie's Garter" is packing the play houses, which proves positively the world do move.

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On with the good work of constructing that seven mile stretch of highway between Sandy Creek and Decatur!

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Should Governor Moody become a candidate to succeed Earle Mayfield it would all be over 'cept the shoutin'.

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Becky Rogers held up a country bank "to get a thrill." During the coming week twelve peers of Becky will give her the thrill of her thrilling career.

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The great Woodrow Wilson tried out Cato Sells when the country was in sore need of honest, capable men at the helm. And the great Wilson found in Sells the man for the job.

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Legislature is in session in Austin Following on the heels of the floods and cyclones, the people of Texas are asking: "Lord, what have we done to have such punishment visited on us?"

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The Denton Record-Chronicle says Dan Moody is a strange sort of governor in that he seems to think that pledges against high taxation made when he was running still hold after election.

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When Sampson parted with his flowing locks he surrendered his strength: when Aimee McPherson went to the barber and had her locks bobbed she lost her pulling power, insinuates Jim Lowery of Honey Grove.

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This about Al Smith, from the Chico Review, A. S. Whitehead, editor: "If Al Smith had lived in Spain two hundred years ago and had written that letter there wouldn't he have made a nice morsel for the inquisition?"

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It is said that a quart of whiskey weighs two pounds. This may be the correct weight of the liquid before using, but after taking the stuff it lies so awful heavy that it is impossible for the average man to carry it.

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If the people of Texas are in dead earnest in their clamor for patriots to take the places of politicians down in Austin let them begin the work of "cleaning house" in the coming election of senators and representatives.

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The good citizens of Decatur are behind Mayor Ward in his endeavors to clean up the tax rolls and put the Delightful Town on a sound financial basis. But, brethren, there are other ills pestering the old burg. For instance, the wanton disregard that the reckless auto drivers entertain for that perfectly good parking and speed limit law.

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If Dan Moody enters the race for United States senator he will be elected. When he vacates the big chair under the glistening dome in Austin that matchless man and patriot, Cato Sells, should be called to the position. Let the people continue the good work by succeeding one of the best chief executives the state has ever had with a man of the same type and caliber.

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What appears to be authentic authority comes the report that the state's chief educational instructor, S. M. N. Marrs, is spending a goodly sum of the money allotted to his department to put afoot a campaign to boost himself into the governor's seat. With the announcement that Governor Dan Moody would be a candidate for U. S. senator comes a show-down of a number of out-landish, yea, laughable, aspirations.

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Clarence Darrow makes much of the fact that the chemical materials that compose a man's body could be bought at a drug store for ninety-five cents. Then the man whose services to a great business enterprise are worth a hundred thousand dollars a year is producing the most astonishing return from his capitalization. As a matter of fact his capital is something far greater than the market price of his mineral elements. The fact that you can not see or weigh or touch with your fingers the mind, the character, the soul of a man does not mean that these things do not exist.

Political Bee Abuzz.

Politicians were interested in the report that Gov. Dan Moody would be a candidate for United States senator next year and were particularly impressed by that fact that altho the statement was given out on Tuesday night by a close friend of the governor expectations of a prompt denial have not been realized, three days after it was uttered. Former Gov. Colquitt announced some time ago he would seek the place, Senator Mayfield is already running for re-election, Congressman Blanton of the Abilene district is seeking expressions from the voters and friends as to the desirability of his entering the race, and Former Governor Ferguson is expected to be a candidate. Moody's entry would complicate matters not only in that race, but would open the way for a free-for-all in the gubernatorial contest that likely would be left to him alone if he sought a second term. C. O. Austin, former state bank commissioner of Texas, is announced for the governorship. Speaker Bobbitt, Lieutenant Governor Miller, Attorney General Pollard, Chairman Sterling of the highway commission are considered as other probabilities—all on the understanding that Moody gets out of their way.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

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The palpitating patriots of Delightful Decatur are awaiting the move of Mayor S. M. Ward toward curbing the reckless disregard the auto drivers in the town hold for the parking ordinance. The honorable mayor has the authority to see that the law is enforced. The mayor's action is awaited.

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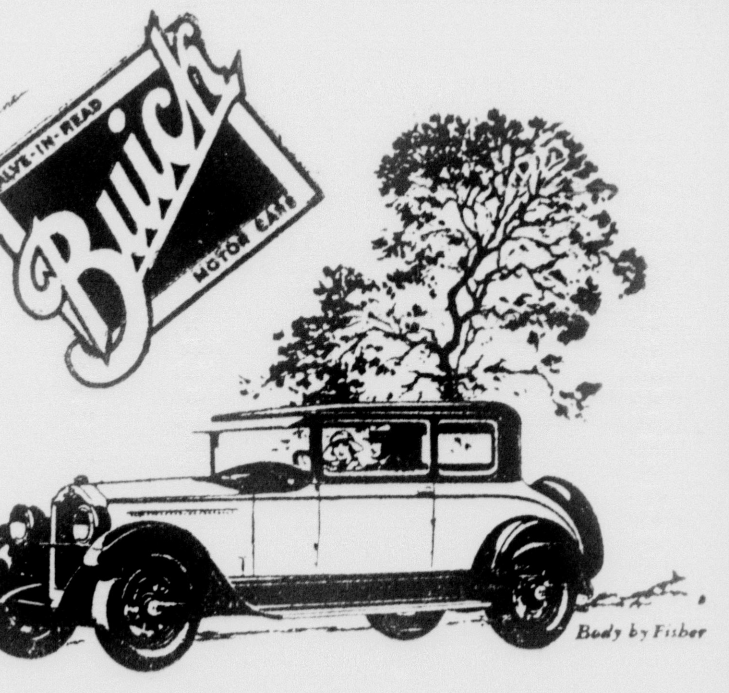
Those citizens living beyond the limits of the precinct, opposed to the building of the seven mile gap in the Thirty-Ninth state designated highway, are threatening court proceedings to estop the action of the county commissioners' court in ordering the little stretch put in travelable condition and meet the requirements of the state highway commission. Messenger undersands the movement is being put afoot by citizens of the Alvord community, a community which today would be without the great Meridian Highway had not the identical program been fllowed by a court some years ago.



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J. W. WHITMAN

BOWIE, TEXAS

Twenty Years Ago

Messenger, May 17, 1907.

Mrs. Will Rush and father, A. B. Conley, are visiting the family of J. F. Conley near Alvord this week.

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W. T. Waggoner and Tom B. Yarbrough of Fort Worth, were here on Thursday looking after their business interests.

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At a meeting of the First National Bank directors last Thursday morning J. A. Simmons was elected as assistant cashier.

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B. W. Faith killed his first wolf this week at his place two and one-half miles north of town. He says it was a lober, and one of the largest he ever saw.

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Will Blythe of Colorado, is visiting his mother's family east of town. Mr. Blythe has been in the mining business in Colorado for the past twenty years.

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Died—At her home in Decatur, on Wednesday, May 15th, Miss Olive Bailey, aged twenty-six years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey, after a lingering illness of four weeks. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church Thursday morning at ten o'clock, after which the remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery.

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John W. Moore, who recently moved from here to Fort Worth, is now on the police force in that city. Decatur citizens must make first class officers. The Fort Worth force has Dee Allgood, former tax collector of this county, who is a sergeant of detectives; W. G. Bryan, former night watchman at Decatur; Sam McGlothlin, former officer about the jail here; and John Moore, former high sheriff of Wise county. Dee Allgood has been with Maddox's force for several years and it is said that he stands high in the estimation of the police department and has recently been appointed sergeant of the detective force.

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J. E. Neel of Boyd, attended the board of trustees of Decatur College, called for the purpose of accepting the resignation of Rev. J. L. Ward, president; and also for the purpose of electing his successor. The board elected Rev. J. B. Tidwell as president of the college, and while we regret to lose Bro. Ward from that capacity, where he has served so many years, laboring long and faithful in order to place the college on its present high plane among the religious institutions, yet we feel glad that his former position is to be filled by a man like J. B. Tidwell, whose strong, active master mind is always alert, struggling and laboring for the best interests of all students who seek educational and religious instruction at his hands.

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Sam Houston's Love Mystery.

And now comes the strange incident in Houston's life, which remains a mystery even today. Houston, young and popular, successful, governor of Tennessee, was married to Miss Elizabeth Allen of Sumner, Tennessee, a young woman of good family. Three months after the marriage his wife deserted him and returned to her father's home. All at once the friends of Houston in Tennessee were shocked to learn that the governor had resigned his office.

Indeed, we may better say that Houston simply walked out of the governor's office without hesitation, left the interests of the commonwealth to take care of themselves as best they might, placed his own personal feelings above all other considerations, abandoned his family and his friends, cast away his fortune like a weakling or a giant—one may choose as to that—went once more into the forest to join the savages with whom he had spent his boyhood years. He paid no attention to the importunities of his associates, not even to a letter from his powerful friend, General Jackson. The big man had received a great hurt.

For him there was no cure but in the healing silence of the wilderness.

Strong men require strong remedies. For years among the savages he drank and again drank, until he lost part of his ancient manhood and became indeed, at times, an object of contempt among them until they gave him the name of "The Big Drunk."

Forty Years Ago

Messenger, May 21, 1887.

W. W. Brady returned from California on last Monday, looking somewhat recruited by his long trip.

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C. More, proprietor of the Decatur roller mill, announces that he will grind wheat and corn each day in the week, provided there is enough to keep the mill running.

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The citizens of Decatur have had another railroad meeting this week, and it is said Dallas Northwestern stock is rising again.

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Dr. Renshaw, one of the oldest, best known and most highly respected citizens in this county, died yesterday and will be buried today.

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is a prescription for

Colds, Grippe, Flu, Dengue, Bilious Fever and Malaria.

It kills the germs.

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There is an hour in each man's life appointed to make his happiness, if he seizes it.—Beaumont and Fletcher.

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Federal Land Bank of Houston, which serves the farmers of this state thru three hundred and fifty local co operative farm loan associations, covering evedy agricultural county in the state, is celebrating its tenth anniversary in a state wide convention there. In the ten years in which it has been operating it has made more than fifty thousand long term first mortgage loans to farmers of the state in an amount in excess of $156,000,000. It began with a capital stock of $750,000 furnished by the United States treasury and now has a capital, reserve and undivided profits of $9,570,027 owned by the borrowing farmers. The net loans now on its book amount to $133,000,000; its records record for foreclosure on farms is only thirty-seven in ten years of lending on more than fifty farms. The delinquency in payment of installments by borrowers, as of this date, is only $1,722, or one-fiftieth of one per cent of the annual installments.

A Texas ranger captain assumed too much authority in the town of Borger the other day, and now the "get-your-man" representative of the law is out of a job. The cap'n arrested a newspaper reporter and because the reporter refused to be scared and beg the pardon of the two gun man under the big white hat he was put in jail. The affair was reported to Governor Dan Moody and, now, as stated, the ranger captain is off the pay-roll.

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A tractor that plows while you sleep is reported to be in operation on farms in Nebraska. Now you tell one.

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We have a world of faith in a man's ability to pay for a car, because we have seen so many attempt it doubtfully and finish it triumphantly.

We will make it easy for you to pay and we will help you keep your Ford in good running order. Every two weeks we will expect you to drive into our service plant, right down town, for inspection and any necessary adjustments. We will put water in your battery, and attend to anything else that should be done.

Make up your mind that you are going to take a little drive every evening after supper. It can be arranged if you will see us about it. We guarantee that no dealer will do more to help you buy, or will serve you more faithfully after you do.

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W. C. T. U. ADDS MANY TO ROLLS IN CAMPAIGN

Twenty new members were added to the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union during the campaign that closed May 8th, Mother's Day. The national W. C. T. U. membership drive began on January 16th, the eighth anniversary of national prohibition, lasting four months; but our local union put on an intensive two weeks membership drive. The membership was divided into two groups, with volunteer captains over each; Mrs. Bruce Bulgarel lead one side and Mrs. T. J. Elder the other. Mrs. Bulgarel's side secured a much larger number than the other, and the winning side will be entertained by the losing side at an early date.

But the membership drive is not over. Following May 8th let us continue to win new members right along up to our state convention, which is to be held in Austin in October. There is a double duty involved, typified by our famous slogan, "Hold Fast and Go Forward."

For fifty-four years the women of America have joined the W. C. T. U. to fight the liquor traffic, and in all that time this organization has offered them the most effective means of expressing their hatred of the greatest evil in the world. From an inconspicuous group the W. C. T. U. has grown into one of the typical institutions of this country and has spread around the globe until it is well organized in fifty other counttries! It is the mother of our national prohibition—it started the organized movement among women which paved the way for a country without a saloon; and today it is seeking a million women within its range to with-stand the resperate thrusts of the outlawed liquor interests now gathering for a final battle. The W. C. T. U. invites to membership all women who believe in prohibition and who want to retain it in this country.

Eight years ago, when national constitutional prohibition, for which the national W. C. T. U. had been working since its beginning became a fact many people, among them some white ribboners, thought the victory was complete and they could rest from their labors; but they reckoned without an adequate conception of the power of appetite and the temptation offered certain classes to make easy money in appeasing the appetite. Strong forces whose fortunes had been built up by catering to a depraved craving for alcoholic stimulants gathered themselves together to create a public sentiment against the laws. But the W. C. T. U. has not disbanded or lost heart. Today it has risen to the occasion as an organization should do that is called of God for a purpose.

"The W. C. T. U. must not shrink from the encounter, but with faith in its righteous cause it must be prepared to answer, 'Here am I, send me,' when the Lord asks, 'Who will rise for me against the evil doers; who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity'?"

There will be a meeting of the local union this Friday p. m. at four o'clock at the M. E. church. Let us have a good attendance. We are especially anxious to have all the new members present.—W. C. T. U. Reporter.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Juanita Howard, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, Texas, on the last Monday in May, A. D. 1927, the same being the 30th day of May, A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 5646, wherein K. W. Howard is plaintiff, and Jaunita Howard is defendent, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1927, and continued to live together as man and wife until the 9th day of April, 1927, at which time they were separated and have not since lived together as man and wife. Plaintiff further alleges that he is an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas and has resided in said state for a period of more than twelve months, and that he has resided in Wise County, Texas, more than six months next preceding the making and filing of this petition, that defendant shortly after their said marriage commenced a studied course of cruel, harsh and tyrannical treatment toward plaintiff which continued with slight intermissions up until the time of their said separation, and that their further living together as man and wife is insupportable. Plaintiff prays judgment of the court that he be divorced from defendant and that the bonds of matrimony existing between them be dissolved, for costs of suit and for such other and further relief in law and in equity as he may be entitled to receive.

Herein fail not but have you before said court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your retun thereon, showng how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Wise County, Texas, on this the 25th day of April, A. D. 1927.—J. C. ALEXANDER, Clerk of District Court, Wise County, Texas. (Apr 29-May 20)

Fine Arts Students of D. H. S. Give Recitals

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the pupils of Mmes. J. M. Crisp and B. A. Man were presented in recitals in the high school auditorium.

Misses Cathryn Ruth Helm, Isobelle Hunt, Imogene Moore and Anna Eloyse Cook, graduates in piano, and Misses Gladys Clements, Eva Ruth Brady and Hanna Marie Renshaw, graduates in expression, were presented on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Those who took part in the joint recital of the two classes Wednesday evening were: Misses Norma Taylor, Mary Lou Plaxco, Lanier Rogers, Lydia Alice Maidens, Virginia Loveless, Frances Green, Movelda Rhine, Jewel Gladys Bradford, Alvarita Badger, Jewel Burton, Mildred Griner, Evelyn Workman, Jane Carlton Loveless, Vera Cocanougher, Vivion Pearson, Emma Lynn Gill, Eloise Stone, Maxine Christian, Jena Fay Toland, Minnie Myers, Mary B. Lobdell, Gladys Thomason, Venita Nell Clark, Naomi Wright, Ruth Workman, Maurine Van Meter, Daisy Manire and Lois Breedlove; Messrs. H. L. Donaldson, Noice Vernet and Frank McMordie.

LONE STAR NEWS

Miss Jewel Henry has just recovered from a case of the measles.

Rev. and Mrs. Hanna of Decatur, were Sunday guests of W. V. Wallace.

Hopewell B. Y. P. U. class will present a program at this place Sunday afternoon, June 5th.

Several from this place went to Decatur first of the week to hear Dr. J. Frank Norris preach.

Orvid Mowery and family of Alvord, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his brother, L. H. Mowery, and family.

On the afternoon of fifth Sunday, May 29th, the singing convention will be held at Lone Star. Everybody is invited to come and bring books.

Bethel M. E. Church.

Bro. W. T. Whiteside preaches at Bethel Sunday morning; dinner on the ground; quarterly conference in the afternoon. Let all the members come. Enjoy the good preaching and the christian fellowship. We are looking for a great day.—Outler D. Gose.

Miss Vesta Denny, popular and charming young lady of Chico, was visiting in the city Wednesday. Miss Denny will visit with friends and relatives near Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Wilkerson visited in Fort Worth Sunday.

DECATUR BAND TAKES PRIZE AT CONVENTION

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name of Decatur and Decatur College. These were made on the streets of Wichita Falls and in the hotel lobbies of that town. Marching thru-out the principal streets and stopping to hold brief concerts in the presence of the inter-mingled thousands of visitors were the features of these demonstrations. They occurred Monday forenoon, afternoon in connection with the big parade and Monday night when the attendance on the convention had reached its greatest height. The small lay delegation that accompanied the band from Decatur to Wichita Falls bore aloft signs that designated Decatur Band Itself and Decatur College. Marching delegation was composed of President C. P. Dodson and Secretary Cliff Cates of the Decatur chamber of commerce, and L. C. Boyd.

To P. M. Curry and Decatur College students belong the credit for working out the design for the general parade that attracted attention to the college. This was the figure dummy of a man erected on a scaffold and framed to Mr. Curry's automobile. It was driven thru-out the long parade by Mr. Curry, who followed immediately behind the band. Accompanying signs bore the legend, "We Have Hung Bill Ignorance—Decatur College $340.50 a Year, All Expenses."

The band made a pretty appearance in its white sailor uniforms with sailor hats. Executing the quick, snappy step wherever it went, it made one of the livest groups of the kind at the convention. All Decatur was pleased at the news of the band's victory.

Decatur Lions Club voted Wednesday noon at its weekly luncheon to entertain the members of the band and their ladies with a moon-light picnic next week, in appreciation of the fine showing it made in the Wichita Falls convention.

Little Miss Norene Miles of Burkburnett, is visiting her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Miles, in this city.

Mrs. W. B. Man, who has been on the sick list for several days, is reported improving.

CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES

Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and so weaken their vitality that they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to child life. The safe course is to give a few doses of White Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by EMPIRE DRUG COMPANY—Decatur

District Agent Inspects Price Kitchen of Wise

Miss Myrtle Murray, district home demonstration agent, was here this week, and in company with Miss Alma Sims, county home demonstration agent, visited the home of Mrs. J. E. McDaniel, inspecting the kitchen that was recently declared the winner in the county wide contest.

As victor in the county contest Mrs. McDaniel will compete in the district contest, the winner to be announced latter part of the month. The state competition will be decided and given out at the farmers' short course at College Station in July.

Mt. Zion M. E. Church.

The meeting closed Sunday night. The Lord was with the people. There were six conversions and seven additions to the church. The members are determined to lead better lives in the future.—Outler D. Gose.

Suffered

weak, nervous

"I WAS in a very weakened, run-down condition, surely in need of a tonic and builder," says Mrs. J. R. Wrenn, of Anna, Texas. "I was so weak I had to go to bed, and kept getting weaker.

"I suffered with my back so much. I was very nervous, couldn't rest good at night. I couldn't eat anything—I just wasn't hungry.

"I had read so much of Cardui, I thought best to use it. I took seven or eight bottles, and by the time I had taken them I was stronger than I had been in several years. I can highly recommend Cardui."

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30x3	Fabric	$5.85
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LOCAL NEWS

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Copy for advertising should be in the office not later than six o'clock Wednesday evening to insure good position. No advertising accepted after nine o'clock Thursday morning for Friday's issue.

REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH

W. Falls	Dec.	Ft. Worth	Dallas
11:55 am	2:14 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm
2:00 am	4:32 am	6:00 am	7:45 am
7:00 am	9:09 am	10:30 am	11:55 am

NORTH

Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec.	W. Falls
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm
6:45 pm	8:20 pm	9:40 pm	11:35 pm
11:00 pm	12:40 pm	2:06 am	4:40 am

Captain H. E. Brady was in Dallas Wednesday.

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Mrs. R. E. Carswell and Miss Clothilde Davis are visiting friends in Dallas.

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Mrs. L. T. Owens returned Sunday from Dallas, where she has been visiting relatives and friends.

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Marriage licenses were issued by the county clerk's office since last issue of the Messenger to: J. R. Cline and Mrs. M .A. Sirkle; Olen Applin and Miss Novella McNeeley.

D. A. Golden of Alvord, was here Saturday.

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James Burk of Fort Worth, was in this city Wednesday.

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Olin Van Meter of Vega, visited his mother, Mrs. Laura Van Meter, here Tuesday.

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Mrs. R. C. Heathington has returned from Hale Center, where she visited relatives.

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Drew Rhine of Fort Worth, was in this community Sunday and Monday on business.

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Mrs. Jordan, mother of Mrs. C. P. Dodson, is here visiting this week from Nocona.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rogers of Vernon, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O. Rogers.

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J. F. Thurmond of Rhome, was here Monday night to hear Rev. J. Frank Norris speak.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harbough of Iowa Park, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moore.

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The grand jury will convene on next Monday, May 30th, when the May term of district court will be opened.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Castleberry and children of Wellington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Christian Tuesday.

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C. J. Rutland, an executive of the Texas Power & Light Company, out of the Dallas office, was in Decatur Wednesday.

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Mrs. Casstevens has returned to her home in Alvarado, after a visit with her son, Horace, in Decatur College, who has been ill with the measles.

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Marion Askey, who was stricken with paralysis while in Childress, was taken to the Baptist Sanitarium in Dallas Wednesday morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. Askey, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Askey, and Wallace Brady and wife.

A. Yell Leslie was here from Alvord Tuesday.

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Tully Vernon Terrell of Austin, was in this city Sunday.

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Mrs. M. W. Burch visited friends in Fort Worth Monday.

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Mrs. C. L. Wilkerson of Fort Worth, is visiting relatives here this week.

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Mrs. C. C. Henderson and daughter, Miss Christine, visited in Fort Worth.

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Mrs. V. S. Ross left Sunday for an extended visit with her sister in Arkansas.

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Earl Prigmore and family of Dallas, were visiting relatives in Decatur first of the week.

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Mrs. Mark Belew and children of Celina, spent the week-end visiting relatives here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meadow of Vernon, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Belew.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belew and children of Vernon, visited relatives in this city during the week-end.

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Miss Harris of the Boyd community, was visiting friends here and attending the Norris services Monday.

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Mrs. D. I. Jones and baby left Saturday for Fort Worth, where they will join Mr. Jones and the family will reside in that city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alf Brown, little son and daughter, Mrs. Clarence Collins and Miss Alice Patterson of Paradise, were in Decatur last week-end.

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Howard and Sam Man of Wichita Falls, two former Decatur boys, were here first of the week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Man.

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Boyce Smith and family of Dallas, were guests of relatives here over the week-end. Boyce is a member of the Dallas police force, and is well known in this city.

Miss Mildred Dillehay was in Fort Worth Saturday.

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Miss Flora Reeves was shopping in Fort Worth Saturday.

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Miss Minnie Pearl and Worth Arnett were in Fort Worth Friday.

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Misses Ruth and Evelyn Workman were in Fort Worth Saturday.

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Mmes. Archie Morris and S. C. Ross were in Fort Worth Thursday.

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There will be an all day cemetery working at the Jonestown cemetery on Friday, June 3rd.

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S. B. Johnson and family have moved to Dallas, where he will engage in the watch repairing business.

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Miss Claudie Mae Workman of Fort Worth, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Workman, in this city Sunday.

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A party of twenty-five Dentonites arrived in Decatur early Monday morning and took breakfast at the Hotel Greathouse. They were en route to the Wichita Falls celebration.

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Senator W. H. Rice, who has been ill at his home on West Main street for several days, is improving, and his many friends are hoping that he will be about and as good as ever soon.

Sam Renshaw was in Fort Worth Sunday.

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Mrs. J. H. Cates is visiting relatives in Cisco.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Workman were in Fort Worth Saturday.

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Miss Fannie Pearl Askey was shopping in Fort Worth Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pat Taylor of Moody, visited Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Petty last week-end.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Buttrill and children of Grapevine, visited in this city Sunday.

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Gordon Slagle of Greenville, is visiting in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Slagle.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCracken of Wichita Falls, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McCracken during the week-end.

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Mrs. Rosa Smith left first of the week for her home in Great Forks, North Dakota, after a visit of several months with relatives in Decatur and at Dallas.

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S. B. Wilkerson, father of C. K. Wilkerson, returned Sunday to his home near Fort Worth, after an illness of pneumonia for several days in the Rogers Sanitarium.

LOOK THIS OVER!

After May 1st I will sell any number of the best White Leghorn Chicks obtainable for $8.00 per 100 at the Hatchery. Any amount of custom hatching for $2.00 per tray of ninety-six eggs (set on Wednesday of each week).

And, remember, I manufacture, use and sell a poultry feed that I have thoroughly tested and will guarantee results. Will buy your poultry and eggs, and grind your corn. Come and see

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Men's and Young Men's Dress Pants

Men's $10.00 pants now $7.45
Men's 7.50 pants now selling $5.95
Men's $6.50 pants now priced $4.95
Men's $5.00 pants now priced at $3.95
Men's $4.50 pants, now priced $3.89
Men's $4.00 pants now priced $2.98

Men's Dress Shirts

One big lot men's dress shirts, broken lies, with or without collars; values to $175; all sizes—now selling for— 97c

FOLKS! Still they come in great crowds to our big Lucky 8-Day May Sale which opened on Friday, May 13th. Judging from a hearty response given our big 4-page circular which was sent broadcast over the county proves to us that there is no truth in the old moth-eaten signs of bad luck---but instead Good LUCK for all who take advantage of this big saving event. Don't miss your big chance.

Turkish Towels
52c 18x36-inch bath towels, now selling at each— 15c

Table Oilcloth
35c table oilcloth; white or fancy—per yard only— 25c

Men's Work Shirts
Men's 75c blue or gray work shirts—now selling for only— 48c

Women's Slippers
One big lot of Women's Slippers now going at— 25c
One hundred pairs of women's fine slippers, black patent and blonde kid. Values to $4.00, special at— $2.95
Another big group of women's Satin and Kid Slippers going at— $1.95

Children's Slippers
Children's Patent Sandals, all sizes—now going for only— $1.95

Silk Dresses
One big group of Georgette flat and satin back Crepe Dresses that sold up to $22.50, in all sizes and colors. Very special at— $16.85
Another big group of fine silk Dresses, values up to $19.50. Special at only— $12.48
One lot of new silk and crepe dresses, pastel shades. Very special at— $5.98

O. N. T. Thread
Six spools O. N. T. Sewing thread for 25c

House Dresses
Women's House Dresses, in all sizes; 36 to 52; fast colors; $1.50 values are now priced at— 98c
Boy's and girl's tennis shoes—now at 98c
Boys' Dress Shirts; sizes 10 to 14— 89c
15c 17x34 cotton huck towels—each for 10c
Boys' Blue Shirts now selling for— 48c

Children's Party Dresses
In all sizes; 2 to 7; $1.25 values—now 89c
Men's $25.00 suits in all sizes—now selling for only— $16.45
Men's Derrick Blue Work Shirts—big special at only— 79c
35c yard-wide solid color voiles, in a big range of high colors. The yard— 25c

Sale of Men's Suits
Men's $30.00 and $35.00 Curlee suits—all sizes—Special at— $19.95

Women's Felt Shoes
In all sizes and colors. Special at— 48c

Sheer Voiles
36-inch flock of dot sheer voiles, in a big range of colors. The yard, only— 19c
Men's $2.00 dress shirts, now going at $1.48

Sale of Silks
$2.50 40-inch flat crepe. Colors; peach, sand, pink, monkey skin, blue and maze. Special, the yard, at— $1.98

Dress Linens
$1.00 yard-wide all pure linene suitings in all the wanted colors. Special, per yard only— 59c
50c yard-wide silk finish Rayons—now, the yard for only— 39c

New Spring Prints
36-inch new English prints, in a big range of new Spring patterns; a regular 25c value; ow going for only, per yard— 19c
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Good grade of yard-wide bleached or brown domestic. Special, per yard— 9c

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ROOK CLUB MET WITH MRS. GRADY SLAGLE.

Rook Club met with Mrs. Grady Slagle on last Thursday afternoon.

A salad course was served to Mmes. C. W. Ferguson, Floyd Dodd, Marion Montgomery, Arch Morris, George T. Elder, H. T. Breedlove, and Earl McCracken of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. F. R. Dodd won high score in the games.

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MISSES POTTS AND McCURDY HOSTESSES TO T. O. G.

T. O. G. Club met last Friday afternoon at the home of Miss Vera McCurdy, with Misses Hortense Potts and McCurdy as hostesses.

After a short business session refreshments were served to Misses Bess McMordie, Virginia Patterson, Joyce Lacey, Ava White, Mildred Woody, Maurine McCracken, Gladys Thomason, Carrie Alice Mays, Louise Greer, Faye Reeves, Maxine Christian and the hostess.

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BAPTIST W. M. S. IN MISSION PROGRAM ON MONDAY.

Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at the church in the regular business meeting and missionary program, with twenty-five members present.

Circle six rendered an interesting program, during which splendid talks on the Southern Baptist Convention were made by Mmes. L. B. Gill, H. L. Jones, J. M. Jones, Lester Bell and J. V. Patterson.

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MISSES COOK AND DAVENPORT ENTERTAINED O. F. F.

Misses Anna Eloyse Cook and Orlena Davenport were joint hostesses to an interesting meeting of the O. F. F. Club held Friday evening at the home of Miss Cook in South Decatur.

Following an interesting program, during which Miss Emma Dean Belew sang "Moonlight and Roses" and other popular numbers, and Miss Dorothy Patterson played a number of popular selections on the piano, dainty refreshments were served to Misses Dorothy Patterson, Annette McMordie, Isobelle Hunt, Marion Smith, Orlena Davenport, Emma Dean Belew, Margaret Boyd, Imogene Moore, Flora Reeves and Minnie Pearl Arnett.

T. O. G. CLUB MET WITH MISS McCURDY FRIDAY.

The T. O. G. Club met last Friday afternoon at the home of Miss Vera McCurdy on West Walnut street.

Among those present were Misses Ava White, Bess McMordie, Louise Greer, Gladys Thomason, Faye Reeves, Virginia Patterson, Maxine Christian, Maurine McCracken, Carie Alice Mays, Thommie Gaines Gentry, Vera McCurdy, Hortense Potts, Joyce Lacey, Verna Toland and Mildred Woody.

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METHODIST W. M. S. MET IN CHURCH PARLORS MONDAY.

Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. church, south, met in their regular third Monday session in church parlors at three p. m. A good attendance was had, with the president in the chair.

After opening song Mrs. L. W. Tyler led in prayer. A short business session was had, following which Mrs. E. H. Mays led the regular monthly program, on the subject, "The Child and the New Earth." Bible lesson was Neh. 1:15. Her helpers were Mmes. W. C. Loveless, J. M. Scott and C. M. Workman.

All meetings during the summer, beginning with the next, will be held at four o'clock p. m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Miss Joyce Lacey will entertain the members of the T. O. G. Club with a slumber party at her home, south of Decatur, Monday night.

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Bible class of the M. E. church will meet Monday, May 23rd, at four p. m. with Mrs. Lester Blackburn. Lesson will be the third and fourth chapters of Galations. Mrs. J. E. Douglass is leader of the program.

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Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon in the circles at the following places: Circle one with Mrs. H. L. Jones at four o'clock; circle two at the church at four o'clock; circle three with Mrs. Johnnie McFarlin at three o'clock; circle four with Mrs. Will Bowman at three o'clock; circle five with Mrs. Jack Walker at three o'clock; circle six with Mrs. L. Taylor at three o'clock.

Cotton Baler Inventor Died in Waco Sunday

William T. Bessonnette, sixty-two years old, nationally known as the inventor of the round bale system of pressing cotton, died in Waco Sunday after an illness of three weeks.

Bessonnette's invention eliminated a necessity of maintaing a cotton compress in addition to a gin. It made it possible to gin and pack the cotton into bales at the gin.

Mrs. James McCarter and Mrs. S. T. Lillard were visitors to the West Texas chamber of commerce meeting in Wichita Falls Monday.

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FOR SALE—Two or more brand new low wheel wagons; broad tires, have never been used; will sell cheap for cash or trade for yearlings or milch cows. Phone or write D. CADDELL, route four, box one, Decatur. (18-tf)

FOR SALE—Porto Rico potato slips now ready, $1.00 per thousand.—M. J. HORTON, Atwood place. (21)

FOR SALE—Fordson tractor, John Deere double disc plow and separator with grain and peanut attachments. Call at Messenger office. (20)

FOR SALE—Jessie French piano, in good condition; bargain. Call MRS. LESTER BLACKBURN, Decatur, Ind. phone 67. (16-tf)

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FOR RENT—Three room in the C. C. Jones house.—J. W. BAILEY. (16-tf)

NICE four room cottage for rent; all rooms equipped for gas and electricity.—INGRAM DRUG CO. (17-tf)

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Black and white cap; left on steps of First Baptist church in Decatur Sunday afternoon. Finder please return to MISS FRANCIS ROBERTS, Decatur. (20)

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Specials for Saturday, MAY 21st

Armour's Colonial HAMS per lb 25c
An Extra Special for Saturday
Nice, Fresh Kraft CHEESE per lb. 30c
POST'S — BRAN FLAKES box 12c
MOTHER'S — OATS Aluminum 29c China 34c
White Swan — COFFEE 3 lb. can $1.65 1 lb. can 56c
Good, Fresh Peaberry— COFFEE per lb. 30c The Kind You Like
Kohner sugar CORN per can 17c
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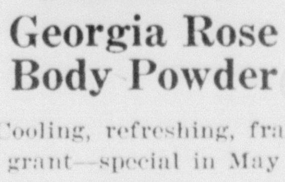
Shari Lip Stick	$1.00
Shari Beauty Cream	$1.50
Shari Cleansing Cream	$1.00
Shari Single Compact	$1.50
Shari Double Compact	$2.50

Other Suggestions for Gifts

Cara Nome Perfumes and Powders, Kodaks, Memory Books, New Pyralin Sets, Boxed Candy, Stationery, Jewelry, Fountain Pens and Pen Sets and Vanities.

Pills

25c Beecham's Liver Pills	19c
50c Beecham's Liver Pills	39c
50c Carter's Iron B and N Pills	48c
25c Carter's Little Liver Pills	17c
75c Carter's Little Liver Pills	57c
$1.25 Chichester's Mixed Pills	$1.19
30c Cuticura Pills	25c
25c Little Early River Pills	21c
60c Doan's Kidney Pills	49c
50c De Witt's K. and B. Pills	43c
$1.00 De Witt's K. and B. Pills	89c
30c Foley's Family Pills	25c
60c Foley's Kidney Pills	50c
65c Grove's Pills	63c
30c Grove's Black Root Pills	25c
30c Hall's Family Pills	25c
30c Heiskell's B. and L. Pills	28c
30c King's New Life Pills	25c
25c Lane's Liver Pills	23c
50c Papactic Pills, 100's	35c
30c Miles' Anti-Pain Pills	21c
$1.00 Miles' Anti-Pain Pills	89c
30c Morse's Indian Root Pills	25c
30c Pinkham's Pills	25c
30c Shoop's Restorative Nerve	25c
25c Tutt's Liver Pills	21c
35c Calotabs	33c



Georgia Rose Body Powder

Cooling, refreshing, fragrant—special in May

79c

Firstaid Emergency Kit

Contains the essentials for rendering first aid in home, office, camp or on the road—special for month of May

89c

Rexall Orderlies

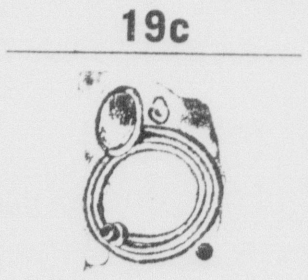
Pleasant, effective laxative. "One at Night—Next Day Bright!" An ideal laxative for children and invalids as well as robust people. Family size bottle, $1.50 value, special for May

79c

Jonteel Talcum

High grade talcum, perfumed with the famous Jonteel odor. A good talcum to use after the bath. Special for May

19c



Klenzo Bath Spray

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For the Teeth

50c Ipana	39c
50c Pebecco	39c
50c Pepsodent	39c
50c Iodent	39c

Shaving Needs

35c Barbasol	25c
$1.00 Gillettes	77c
50c Gillettes	39c
35c Palmolive shaving Cream	29c

25c Bottle of Klenzo Antiseptic Free

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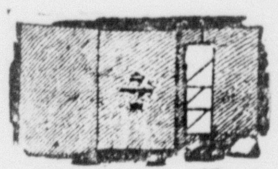

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A. K. SHORT IS NAMED TO LAND BANK PLACE

Judge M. H. Gossett, president of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, announces that the bank has created the department of soil conservation and terracing. A. K. (Dad) Short, who for years was connected with the A. & M. College, and recently connectly with a Dallas firm, has been appointed to head the new department. Mr. Short will take up his duties with the bank on May 15th.

In speaking of the new position Judge Gossett said: "There are several different phases of the situation that make it desirable that the bank employ a man of broad agricultural experience and broad acquaintance to work on the soil conservation problems which confront the bank. In the first place the soil is the security for farm loans and to maintain the high records this bank has made the land must be protected from loss by erosion. In the second place, this bank is one of the greatest factors in farm financing and it is desirable that the bank establish a department to further aid in agricultural development and conservation. It is recognized by all that the loss of soil and plant food by erosion is the greatest factor in the depletion of soil fertility; this being true the new department will have for its primary object the enforcement of that part of the borrower's contract pertaining to terracing. If farm loan credit is preserved it will be done thru the preservation of the soil; consequently this bank will insist that the borrowers make their loans secure by terracing all lands that are inclined to wash. In addition, this bank will assist and co-operate with all agricultural agencies in the state in helping to promote a better system of agriculture in Texas."

W. P. Thurmond, secretary-treasurer of the land bank in Decatur, states that the local institution is in splendid condition. Approximately half a million dollars has been loaned to the farmers of Wise county, Thurmond states, and no delinquents are being carried at present.

Crime Situation Being Studied in Dallas Men

Governor T. W. Davidson, president of the Bar Associatiton of Texas, and Sam P. Cochran, president of the Crime Suppression League of Dallas, have submitted to the members of the legislature measures recommended by those organizations for consideration in the event Governor Moody approves and submits such remedial legislation to the special session, as follows:

1.—The defendant may testify in the case as any other witness and so may his co-defendants; but if the jury should comment on his failure to do so it shall not be reversible error.

2.—That all applications for severance shall be left to the sound discretion of the court.

3.—That indictments may be amended as to descriptive matters and names and places where the same does not change the identity of the offense originally charged.

4.—That the judge and not the jury should qualify the jury, but that the judge shall submit pertinent questions requested by counsel.

5.—Where a defendant is convicted of man slaughter and secures a reversal on appeal he shall be tried again for murder under the original indictment just as in the former trial.

6.—That an indictment may charge more than one offense where the respective offenses grow out of the same transaction. Thus if a man burglarizes a house and steals something while he is in the house, let him be indicted and tried for both offenses at the same time instead of having two separate trials as now required by law.

7.—That greater care be required of the sheriff in accepting appearance bonds.

8.—That bail pending appeal be within the discretion of the court and shall not be used merely as a means of delaying sentence.

9.—That a case should not be reversed for harmless error, which in no way could have injured the defendant.

One of oldest English folk dances is the Abbets Bromley Horn Dance, held annually in England for hundreds of years. The dancers, twelve men, wear deer skulls with antlers attached. The custom is believed to have come down from the time of the Danish invasion and the worship of Thor and Odin.

Schools of County

BY WALLACE GREGG, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

A WEEKLY COMPILATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOLS OF WISE COUNTY

Among the Schools.

Briar school closed last Friday after a very successful year's work under direction of Earl Van Meter, Misses Katherine Wilson and Lela Smith. The closing exercises were featured by the presentation of that excellent play, "The Little Clod Hopper," by a program by the grades and by the awarding of six grammar school diplomas to those completing the seventh grade.

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Floyd Le Fors has been elected as principal of the Red Willow school and Miss Lorene Doyle has been elected as one of the assistant teachers.

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H. M. Flowers has signed the contract to teach the school at Liberty next term.

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The tax election in the Thomas district to raise the levy from fifty cents to one dollar carried, and plans are being formulated to remodel the school building to meet the state aid requirements for next term.

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C. A. Nichols has been re-elected superintendent of the Rhome school for another year. Mrs. C. A. Nichols and Miss Verda Logan were re-elected to their places, and the faculty has been completed with the election of Earl Van Meter, Mrs. Amelia Thurmond and Miss Emma Freeman.

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Morgan Layfield has been elected principal of the Fairview school and Mrs. Jesse Carpenter has been re-elected to the assistant's position.

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Guyman McWilliams of the Union Hill school took the county examinations for the seventh grade and came out with flying colors. Guyman will receive his grammar school diploma from this office.

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Miss Dyora Crowder, principal of the Fairview school, submitted papers from six of her seventh grade pupils who took the county examinations.

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J. H. Gentry has accepted the Greenwood school for the 1927-28 term.

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Valley View school closed last Friday after a most satisfactory year's work. Patrons are loud in their praise of the excellent service rendered by the teachers, Howard Brown and Mrs. Desda Kendall. A large crowd enjoyed the final program Friday night.

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In co-operation with the teachers and patrons, the county superintendent scored the Valley View school last Friday and found it is entitled to be classed in the Division B under the state department's new score card. The total score was seven hundred. This is a fine showing for the school and community. Doubtless, an even better score will be made next fall, since it is now known just what can be done to raise the classification.

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Superintendent W. R. Kennedy of the Chico school reports some very interesting figures on the attendance of the children from the former Miney district which is now consolidated with Chico. These children are transported to and from school by truck. It appears that their percentage of attendance for the year to date is four per cent higher than for the children residing in the Chico district. It is to be remembered that these are country children attending a nine months term of school.

Miss Ruby Jo Wimberly closed her school at Jasper Creek last Friday and turned in to this office an unusually neat term report.

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Office Announcements.

Suggestion has been made to this office that the extension courses under the auspices of the Teachers' College be continued thru the summer. Any who may be interested in doing these summer courses at Decatur will communicate with either this office or Miss Geraldine Green at Decatur.

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An effort will be made to have the county board at its regular meeting the first Monday in June to classify the schools of the county so that the trustees and patrons may know just how many grades each school will be allowed to teach. Those interested in this classification are asked to meet with the board on that date to render any assistance that may be called for in this important work. It would appear wise for those schools with too few pupils for two teachers to employ only one teacher and reduce their grades to at least seven. The state has provided for high school pupils under the new tuition law. With one teacher and seven grades longer terms may be had and better salaries paid. One strong teachers with seven grades and eight months' term can render much greater educational service than two indifferent teachers with eight or nine grades in a six months' term.

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Trustees will understand that a new state aid law is to be passed by the present special session of the legislature. What conditions will be required to secure this aid can not be stated just now. It will be well to read closely the daily papers for the latest developments in the matter.

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Those school libraries having a set of the American Educator may now be supplied with extension sheets, set No. 8. To secure this new up-to-date material for insertion in the encyclopedia, it is necessary that the Bellows-Durham Company be sent the proper coupon from the last volume of the set, together with fifty cents.

CITIZENS OF DECATUR PLEASED WITH SQUARE

Apparently a job in the way of civic improvement that has brought general satisfaction thus far is the hard surfacing that was done on the streets of the public square. The fact that the work was done at relative cheap cost should be another source of gratification; truth is that the total cost was about one-tenth of what would have been necessary to put down concrete paving, with small difference in notable results to this date. It is true that here and there some faults and defects have shown up, but these can be repaired, and this should be done at no late date.

The thing that most people are pleased about, of course, is the abatement of the dust nuisance that has resulted as a consequence of the surfacing. It is necessary to recall to mind the former deplorable condition of the streets to estimate properly the change that has taken place — rocks protruding above the surface, ditches and ruts descending below, fine flour-like dust that would cover the feet of a bare-foot boy everywhere. Store folks with fine goods to protect from the wind blown dust are the most pleased naturally, but everybody with eyes to defend and tempers to keep cool is gratified.

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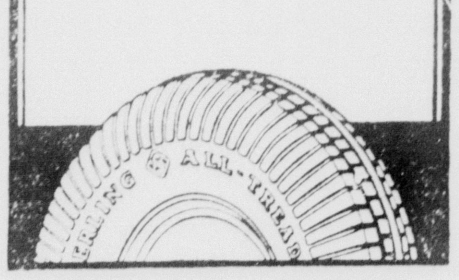

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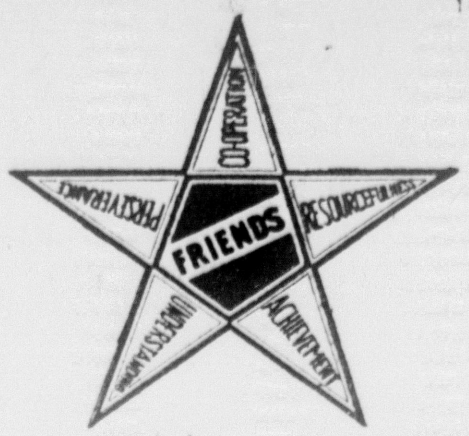

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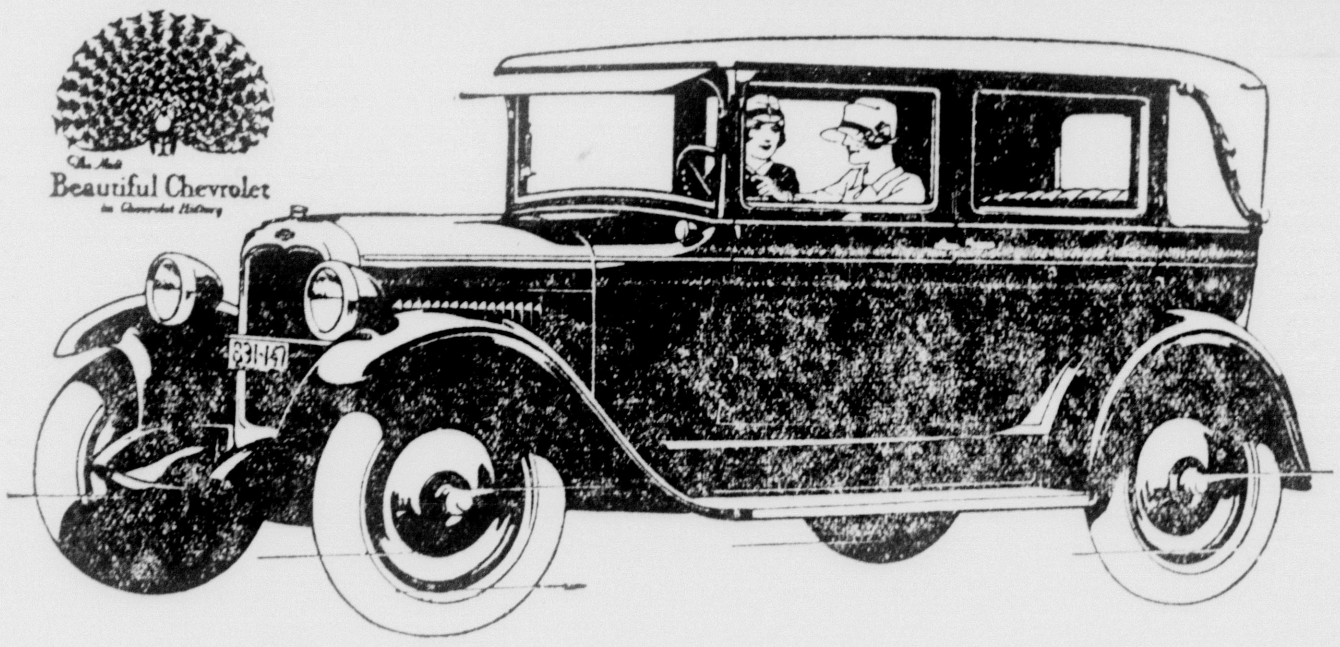
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And, of course, it has all the power, speed and smoothness—all the flashing acceleration, finger-tip steering and unfailing dependability that have brought to Chevrolet such world-wide fame.

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On the Street

JUST getting in from a visit in some parts of my district, and I find that conditions are most satisfactory," said Congressmann Guinn Williams, arriving home from a tour in Wichita, Wilbarger and Cooke counties. While congress is adjourned Congressman Williams will visit his friends and supporters in all communities of the big district. He has a number of picnic speaking dates at gatherings in a number of the counties. "Meet lots of former Wise county people wherever I go, and they all appear to be doing well and are contented," he said.

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PERPETRATOR of this column met his friend, Jim Thomas of Alvord, on Decatur streets one day this week. The conversation very naturally drifted to the Sandy Creek-Decatur road action of the commissioners' court at a recent meeting. Sayeth Jim B.: "I read your article about the road; and I must say it is a good piece of what in this day is termed 'bull.' That is to say, what you say in the Messenger is good to read, but when applied to the facts and figures it drops short a city block or more. We in our section of the county are strong advocates of good roads, but we refuse to accept the Messenger's plans for building them." When the scribe undertook the hazardous "duty" of righting his friend Jim B. on the matter we soon discovered that the job was hopeless. When we suggested that the Alvord merchant prince—and Jim B. is a recognized leader in the business world of Wise county—come down and become one of us in this neck of the woods, he made a wind-mill jesture with both hands and remarked: "This is a good and substantial community, 'tis true, but the Alvord section is doing nicely, thank you, and peace and prosperity abound with us."

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FRANK TURNER, banker of Bridgeport and one of the Coal Town's most prominent citizens, hits the nail square on the head when he says no county can come into its own in a commercial way without good substantial roads. "Look over the state," he says, "and where you find good roads there you will find a contented people and business affairs moving along with a zip. Without good roads a community soon takes the back track and it is [illegible]anced by the communities that are up and alive to the benefits coming from travelable highways. In this day and time the average citizen is not content to let 'well enough alone;' he demands that his town and county keep abreast of the times. He wants to move about, mix and mingle with his friends and neighbors, and when business calls him away that man demands roads over which he can travel with some comfort. The day of the ox wagon has gone and the period of the yellow dirt has been shelved. We are a progressive people. We must move with the procession. If we fail to, we fail. Wise county will take its place in the procession, its rightful place, when we as citizens come to the realization that good roads, highways, are essential to our commercial life." There is wisdom in Frank Turner's remarks and his magnificent and tireless efforts in assisting or backing the commissioners and County Judge Carl Faith in promoting the construction of the Sandy Creek to Decatur road stamp him as a business man who has familiarized himself with conditions.

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HERBERT DILLEHAY, member of the Decatur high school board and member of the First Baptist church of Decatur, after hearing Rev. J. Frank Norris at the Methodist tabernacle, made the following statement to a Messenger representative: "If this man, Frank [illegible]rris, is as bad as his enemies [illegible]ture and paint him, he is one of the most remarkable personages that has come this way in generations. They say he is a fraud, a perjurer, and has committed every crime in the criminal calendar—from horse stealing to high treason; a killer and destroyer; that he has robbed hen roosts in his youth and in the evening of his life he takes fiendish delight in pulling up green [illegible]orn and drowning dogs of widows! [illegible]d yet, this bold, bad man, this [illegible]untebank and counterfeit, is loved [illegible] honored by a church membership [illegible] is greater in number than any [illegible]r in the south. He heads a Sun[illegible] school that ranks first in the [illegible]rld's schools. When he speaks ten [illegible]usand gather to listen. And this, [illegible]ove all, the records record that h[illegible] [illegible]s brought fifty thousand weary, [illegible]uble laden sinners to the Cross; [illegible]t he has unburthened the heavy [illegible] of thousands of sorry souls and [illegible]d the bright light of peace and [illegible]atment to dance across their path [illegible]ir fitful and fighting journey in [illegible]vale. * * * Once upon a time [illegible]s a story, an officer in the federal [illegible]y called on President Abe Lincoln and reported that Grant was drinking too much, and his dissipation threatened to destroy the effectiveness of the union army under his command. Old Abe, the story continues, looked the officer in the eye and replied: "I would suggest that other commanders in our army learn the brand of licker Grant is drinking and imbibe freely."

FARMER NORTH OF CITY VICTIM OF SAD PLIGHT

C. J. Myers Hurt While Roping Bull on His Farm Monday

Last Monday morning about eleven o'clock one of the saddest tragedies that has occurred in the community in years resulted in the serious injury of one of the county's best and most prominent citizens, when Charles J. Myers, in roping a bull, became entangled in the rope he was using and was thrown violently to the ground. The rope encircled Mr. Myers' waist and the infuriated animal dragged him more than fifty yards. When found by members of the family Mr. Myers was in a semi-conscious condition, and medical aid and the C. L. Christian ambulance from Decatur were summoned.

The attending physician, after an examination, advised that the injured man be taken to a Fort Worth sanitarium. Physicians there reported Mr. Myers' condition critical, and late reports to the Messenger say he is in a precarious condition, with little hope held out for his recovery. It is reported here that an operation was performed and a quantity of blood was found in his stomach.

Mr. Myers, long time citizen of the community, has numerous friends thru out the county who will be grieved to learn of the serious accident that has come to him. Before moving to his farm, north of town, Mr. Myers was in the barber business here, conducting a tonsorial parlor on East Main street.

He was accompanied to the Fort Worth sanitarium by Mrs. Myers and other members of his family, and several relatives and friends.

BEALL TEST DOWN 750 FOOT LEVEL THURSDAY

Interest in the Hattie Beall well, east of town, is growing as the drill gradually grinds toward what the best and most expert authorities say promises to uncover one of the best and most productive pools of oil. The fact that the drilling contract is in the hands of men who know from long experience what they are doing is a strong stimulus in causing a watchful interest in the operations.

Thoroly convinced that the formation now being turned into production in the Cooke and Montague county fields has an outlet thru the eastern part of Wise county, the Wine Miller Corporation of Tulsa, Oklahoma, the company holding the contract for the Beall test, is proceeding with an assurance that something of a startling nature will be opened to the oil world in that particular locality.

The well yesterday afternoon was down about 750 feet, the bit working in a bluish shale, mixed with a slight trace of paraffine.

Z. Birdwell, veteran from successful operations in the fields of Oklahoma and Corsicana, is in charge of the drilling crew, which is made up of experienced, capable, trust worthy men, and all are determined to give to the eastern part of Wise county its long looked for producing well.

Before entering the county this corporation familiarized itself with the minute details of former operations here and equipped with the logs, etc., of other wells the representatives were anxious for a contract in the section selected. So favorably impressed is the Wine Miller Corporation, it is understood a corps of their geologists from the head office has been instructed to come here and geologize other communities in the county.

Reports from the Beall well say the formation is running at a shallower depth than was encountered in other wells in the county.

Tom Terrell of Fort Worth visited his parents and friends here Sunday.

Wise County People to Attend Field Meet

One week from today, Friday, May 27th, the annual all day field meet will be held on the state experimental farm, about five miles northwest of Denton, about twenty-five miles east of Decatur. Between two and three thousand of the leading farmers, bankers and business men of Texas, and especially of North Texas, will be on hand to see and hear the proceedings. A free barbecue will be served by the Denton chamber of commerce. Leading state educators and speakers will point out the significance of what is happening on the farm and elsewhere in progressive agriculture in a program to be conducted directly after the noon hour and after everybody has had a chance to make an inspection of the crops.

This occasion is entirely worthy of a visit from everybody in Wise county who wants to know more about farming or who has the farm interest at heart. Make arrangements to spend this valuable day at this big North Texas meeting. County Farm Agent E. C. Jameson and the chamber of commerce are endeavoring to recruit a large attendance from this county by bringing the occasion to public attention. It is announced that no arrangements can be made to look to the comfort of women and children for this event.

The party of Wise countians plan to leave Decatur at nine-thirty o'clock next Friday morning.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING BE HELD AT SAND HILL

Decatur district fifth Sunday singing convention will meet on Sunday, May 29th, at ten o'clock at Sand Hill, six miles south of Decatur. Following is the program:

Opening song by Ed Young.

Prayer by chaplain.

Song by Ed Young.

Welcome address by Uncle Jesse Fullingim.

Song by John Lowance.

Response by John Denny.

Songs by T. L. Gentry, James Lewis, Cleo Rau, Dock Cook, Simp Privitt, Jim Mulkey, Ed Cates, Ode Patton.

Songs by York Simpson, Dale Stevenson, Glen Dunaway, Gaither Lowery, Homer Williamson.

Music by Allen Sims.

Songs by Jim Robertson and Oscar Owen.

Music by the Allison chorus.

Songs by John Denny and William Gregg.

Music by Joe Green.

Songs by Ed Gentry, Allen Mulkey, H. C. Boyd and J. C. Dunaway.

Music by Curtis Pounds.

Songs by Harve McGaughey, Woodwall and Thelbert Decker.

Special by Henry Derryberry.

Songs by H. M. Derryberry, Rollins Taylor, Harlie Wall, J. W. Young, Earl Thrasher, Esper Walker and Leon Derryberry.

Others will be added as they come.

DECATUR BAND WON FINE PRIZE AT C. OF C. MEET

Splendid Advertising of City and College at Wichita Falls

Altho out-classed in numbers and instrumentation the Decatur Band won a clean cut victory in the third year class in which it was assigned in the contest conducted as a feature of the West Texas chamber of commerce convention in Wichita Falls on Tuesday morning. In addition to honors the home town band will receive two hundred dollars in cash as a prize.

By instrumentation is meant the number of instruments that are played in the concert. Decatur had twenty three, while some of the competitor bands had as many as forty. Decatur won on the sheer quality of the music rendered. Of the three judges, one of whom was Carl Venth, leading musical authority of the southwest, two were screened from all view of the contesting participants and had no remote knowledge of the identity of the band that was for the moment playing. The award was thus made purely on the merits of the music rendered and Director Scott Avery's Decatur organization walked off with the victory. Second prize went to Paducah, while third place fell to Clarendon, both of which organizations were superior to Decatur in numbers and equipment.

In addition to the contest in which the band won such high honors the organization put on three other demonstrations to flaunt and advertise the

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To Our Band!

Messenger congratulates the splendid Decatur Municipal Band on its victory at the West Texas chamber of commerce meeting in Wichita Falls. Fine work, boys, and your achievement should operate as a stimulus in arousing the home town folks to a full appreciation of your organization.

You have had many ups and downs in keeping your band intact; you have done nobly against odds in battling for an asset in Decatur's interests.

Messenger believes in your band; it has all along championed your cause, and today Messenger is proud indeed of the magnificent showing, the positive proof, you have given that a musical organization such as yours is a thriving town's biggest and best asset.

Again, congratulations, and may your performances before the great gathering in Wichita Falls cause your home town people to appreciate you as you richly deserve.

Dr. J. Frank Norris, Fort Worth Preacher, Spoke to Big Crowds in M. E. Tabernacle

Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the Fort Worth First Baptist church, and one of the best known preachers in the United States, closed a series of sermons at the First Methodist church tabernacle here on Tuesday night. Coming to Decatur on an invitation given him by a committee of local Baptists, headed by John E. Boyd, veteran in point of membership and service with the Decatur church, Dr. Norris opened his "campaign" against sinners at the tabernacle on Monday night here before probably the largest assemblage of people that has ever attended a religious meeting in the county.

Long before the hour scheduled for the preaching people began to gather, and by the time Dr. Norris appeared in the pulpit all records of public gatherings in Decatur had been broken. It is estimated that not less than five thousand people gathered for the opening service. A choir of about one hundred, with Mrs. W. C. Milligan and Mrs. J. V. Patterson at the piano greeted the eminent preacher. J. E. Boyd, who headed the Decatur committee that brought Dr. Norris here, introduced the preacher in a few well chosen remarks, stating that he hoped those who had come thru curiosity might lay it aside and enter into the spirit that would pervade the meeting when Dr. Norris began his battle against the evil agencies. Ed Cates directed the singing.

Dr. Norris, in his preliminary remarks, stated he was glad to be in Decatur, and was happy to meet such a vast crowd of people. He paid a splendid tribute to the city and its citizens. When he asked how many in the audience had heard him preach in his Fort Worth church or over the radio about four-fifths of the crowd stood up.

Monday night Dr. Norris preached on "The Book of Revelations;" Tuesday his subject was "The Second Coming of Christ."

That the services had a deep and lasting impression on people attending the great gatherings is the opinion of all, and it is announced that Dr. Norris has promised he will return here in a short time to open a ten day revival meeting. Expressions heard on the streets of Decatur point to a strong demand for the prominent Fort Worth preacher to return. Between ten and fifteen thousand people, representing all sections of the county, heard him during the series of sermons, it is said.

"I am coming back," Norris stated in his sermons Monday and Tuesday night, "and a great meeting is promised."

A number of prominent members of the Norris church in Fort Worth were present at the services Wednesday.

D. H. S. Graduating Fifty-Nine This Year

Graduating exercises of the Decatur high school will be held this Friday evening in the D. H. S. auditorium.

Graduates in literary are: Misses Minnie Pearl Arnett, Fannie Pearl Askey, Margaret Boyd, Beatrice Caraway, Elma Vernice Clark, Anna Eloyse Cook, Mildred Dillehay, Alma Foxall, Eva Jo Greer, Cathryn Ruth Helm, Isobelle Hunt, Alice Frances Kerr, Frances Lacey, Pauline Lawson, Ruth Layfield, Frances McCarter, Annette McMordie, Jewel Mitchell, Imogene Moore, Mary Myers, Christine Nobles, Jeanette Phillips, Jessie Lee Ramsey, Gladys Rankin, Clara Mae Reeves, Flora Reeves, Jewel Reeves, Hannah Marie Renshaw, Pearl Taylor, Calva Tilghman, La Verne Thompson, Sue Ella Van Meter, and Lillian Walker; Messrs. Worth Arnette, J. C. Banks, J. C. Blewett, Aubrey Deaton, John Thomas Dunn, T. J. Elder, Claude Henson, Harold Jones, Herman Jones, J. H. Lynch, Chester May, Frank McMordie, Henry Moody, Orus Moody, William Montgomery, Roger Nobles, Luke Ramsey, Joe Bailey Rice, Jack Rieger, Milner Sandifer, Perry Sandifer, Basil Spain, M. J. Vaughn, Onie Walker, Mark Whittenburg and Blake Workman.

Expression graduates are Misses Eva Ruth Brady, Gladys Clements and Hannah Marie Renshaw; music graduates are Misses Anna Eloyse Cook, Cathryn Ruth Helm, Isobelle Hunt and Imogene Moore.

SCHOFFELMAYER IS TO SPEAK IN CITY MAY 28

It ought to be a matter of intense interest to all the county that Victor Schoffelmayer is coming to Decatur on Saturday, May 28th, to make a speech. Schoffelmayer is the father of the Dallas News cotton contest, of "more cotton on fewer acres" fame. He is agricultural editor of the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News, and has perhaps had more influence on farming of the entire south than any other man of that region. He is a dynamic man and speaker. His policies of farming have broadly affected the commercial and agricultural interests of the south, and for that matter the entire world, and all for the better. He is a man to whom the entire country owes a debt of gratitude because he has taught us all how to farm at a profit.

He is coming to Decatur to dispense more of this saving information by word of mouth directly in our hearing and he is entitled to a hearing that should exceed the right and justice of most any other public speaker. He is coming at the invitation of the chamber of commerce and the county farm agent, E. C. Jameson.

Mr. Schoffelmayer will speak on the court house lawn at two p. m. And incidentally, he will ask for entrants in the cotton contest and will have entry blanks and crop records for distribution ready for those who desire to take a part and learn in this great movement. Decatur thinks so much of the worth and value of Mr. Schoffelmayer's visit and talk that it will have the band out to give a free concert in advance of the hour of the gathering. Everybody remember the date and be in Decatur for this big occasion.

Marion Askey Returns to Home with Paralysis

Marion Askey, who has been working in Childress, came home Sunday afternoon, suffering with a slight attack of paralysis, and he is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Askey. Marion is a world war veteran, and while serving the colors in France he was wounded twice. He has numerous friends in his old home town who will be sorry to learn that he has been stricken.

Mrs. Askey accompanied him home and is with him at the Askey home in Northwest Decatur.

McD. Bradford Passed Away in New Orleans

Word reached Decatur last Monday that McD. Bradford, seventy-eight years of age and a former citizen of Decatur, died in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 13th, following a protracted illness of consumption. He was well and favorably known in this city. He was a son of "Uncle Buck" Bradford, pioneer Methodist preacher.

VAST AREA MAY BE SAVED THRU FLOOD PROJECT

Reclamation of Bottom Lands on Creeks of County Advised

Reclamation of the rich bottom lands of Denton and Sandy Creeks thru a system of drainage plans is entirely feasible and practical, according to B. F. Williams, state engineer of reclamation of Austin, who was here Tuesday to make a personal investigation. He was accompanied to Decatur by Mr. Forrest of a firm of engineers of Dallas.

Both were accompanied for an inspection of Denton Creek by J. V. Patterson and Commissioner Henry Walker. The creek was inspected on both sides from the vicinity of the Greenwood crossing on the lower road all the way to the vicinity of Allison.

Cost per acre for reclamation was estimated to run from twenty to twenty-five dollars, and under a bond plan of financing could be stretched over a long number of years so that the cost would hardly be felt in any one year. The result would be to reclaim land worth, under intensive cultivation and practically free of the hazard of disastrous floods, many times more than the initial cost of the improvement. The road systems of the county, where they cross the creek, would also be lifted from the embargo of bad weather and travel difficulty.

It was impractical for the engineers to visit Sandy Creek on this trip, but they will do so later. However, it is recognized that the problems of the two creeks are almost identically the same and will yield to an identical manner of treatment. The state engineer is giving his counsel to the county at the invitation of some of the concerned property owners, at whose behest an invitation was extended to Mr. Williams by the Decatur chamber of commerce.

M. D. LEWIS STORE AT BOYD IS BURGLARIZED

Two negro men, John Wilson and Bill Johnson, working on a farm in the Aurora community, were arrested Monday morning and brought to the county jail in Decatur charged with burglarizing the Mack Lewis store in Boyd last Sunday night. When the premises where the negroes live were searched about four hundred dollars worth of clothing, boots, shoes, hats and groceries were found. The stolen property had been put in sacks and tied to rafters in the wind mill tower.

The burglary was not discovered until early Monday morning, when Mr. Lewis opened his store and he immediately notified Sheriff George Gage. Arriving in Boyd Sheriff Gage, with the assistance of Constable A. S. Scroggins, began an investigation and in a few hours they had traced the stolen goods to the farm on which the negroes, Wilson and Johnson, worked.

It is said that the negroes loaded a wagon with the goods and drove to the farm. Entrance to the Lewis store was affected thru a rear door.

One of the negroes, Wilson, was wanted on a forgery charge.

Dr. J. Frank Norris, who closed a series of sermons here on Tuesday night, states that a report of the meeting will be broadcast over his radio, and a full and complete report will appear in the First Baptist church's official newspaper, Fundamentalist.

Motor Officer Arrested Drunken Party Sunday

Motor Officer Paul Kennedy arrested a young man from Fort Worth, on the Meridian Highway Sunday afternoon and brought him to Decatur to answer a charge of intoxication.

When arrested the young man and one of his women companions showed effects of having taken on a goodly supply of "home brew." While waiting in the office of Sheriff Gage the woman became desperately sick and vomited all over the floor.

Four people were in the party, driving out of Fort Worth, but only two of the quartet appeared to have looked upon the brew while it was dangerous.

Park Springs School Is One of Best in County

Park Springs school closed Friday of last week, with graduating exercises being held on Monday night. A very successful term has been had in the school, and continued efforts on the part of the teachers and patrons are making Park Springs and her school prominent in the county.

Friday night the seniors presented a program which netted about forty dollars. Bro. Warren of Clay county, preached the baccalaureate sermen in the school auditorium Sunday morning. Monday the class address was delivered by Colby D. Hall, dean of Texas Christian University.

Diplomas were delivered to the following graduates: Misses Venus Whetsell, Anyse James, Dovie Holtzclaw, Maggie Adams and Faustine Knightstep: Messrs. L. C. McKay, O. V. Mitchum, Jewel Chadwick and Melvin Lawyers.

D. B. C. Piano Students Be In Recital Monday

Following is program for the graduating recital to be given by Misses Jessie Lee Ramsey and Julia Bellah, pupils of Mrs. H. H. Gose, assisted by Truett Wilson, baritone, in the college chapel on Monday evening, May 23rd, at eight-fifteen o'clock:

Sonta, Opus 31 No. 3	Beethoven
Julia Bellah	
Sonata, Opus 31 No. 2	Beethoven
Jessie Lee Ramsey	
By Waters of Minnetonka	Lieurance
The Old Refrain	Kreisler
A Perfect Day	Carrie Jacobs Bond
Truett Wilson	
Prelude and Fugue	Bach
Maiden's Wish	Chopin-Liszt
Witch's Dance	MacDowell
Julia Bellah	
Polonaise, Opus 40 No. 2	Chopin
Impromptu, Opus 51	Chopin
Au Bord d'une Source	Liszt
Jessie Lee Ramsey	
In the Garden of My Heart	Ball
When I'm With You	Robison
Truett Wilson	
The Jester—Two Pianos	Beecher
Jessie Lee Ramsey, Mrs. Gose	

Rev. J. M. [illegible] will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and Pastor R. E. Bell will be in his pulpit at the evening hour. The public is invited. R. E. Bell, Pastor.

Mrs. Lucinda Watts of Decatur Died May 18th

Mrs. Lucinda Watts, citizen of Decatur for more than forty years, died at her home in North Decatur Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Watts had been in failing health for some time. She had many warm friends in the city who appreciated her splendid character and good traits.

Mrs. Watts was a member of the Methodist church and she lived the life of a christian.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon by Rev. E. H. Mays, pastor of the Methodist church. Interment was in Oaklawn cemetery. Several children survive.

Slidell School Exercises To Begin on Saturday

Closing exercises of Slidell school will be held beginning on Saturday night of this week and continuing thru next week. Following is the series of programs:

Saturday, May 21st, at eight p. m., play by eighth grade, "Her Blessed Boy;" Sunday, May 22nd, at eleven a. m., baccalaureate sermon by Rev. R. E. Bell of Decatur; Tuesday, May 24th, at eight p. m., seventh grade play and presentation of the grammar school diplomas; Wednesday, May 24th, at eight p. m., senior play, "The Crimson and Blue;" Thursday, May 26th, at eight p. m., grades program; Friday, May 27th, ten a. m. to four p. m., all day picnic, school fair and ball games; Friday, May 27th, at eight p. m., graduating exercises, congressman Guinn Williams delivering the address to the class.

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$29.75 silk dresses now selling for only	$19.95
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CHICO REVIEW PRAISES COMMISSIONERS COURT

One of the most constructive and beneficial road programs ever enacted [illegible] the whole people of Wise county [illegible]s put in motion this week when the [illegible]ommissioners' court made financial arrangements making it possible for the state and federal governments to come in with the county to connect the Thirty-Ninth Highway with the [illegible]eridian Highway at Decatur. The new plan means a hard surfaced road with adequate draining structures and bridges; and when the entire program is completed will not raise the taxes in Wise county.

Congratulations to a commissioners' court that has business ability for county wide interest foresightedness to adjust financial affairs in such a business like manner.

This road program, when completed, means hard surfaced road connections from Decatur west to Jacksboro, where three hard surfaced roads are already completed and connects Wise county with the hard surfaced roads to the west, southwest and northwest. This is one of the most important and beneficial highway connections that could possibly come to our county. It will permit the farmers of Wise county to truck their produce and commodities to the various sections of the state requiring same for distribution. It will encourage diversification in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, stock raising, dairying, etc. In fact, the road connections are indispensable and when finished Wise county will have a system of state and federal roads second to none and traversing the county from north to south and from east to west; and in the course of time, when these roads are taken off of the expense of the county, more money will be available and devoted to the improvement of lateral roads. Every community of the county will feel and realize the benefits. The charming and gratifying element of the solution is our taxes will not be raised, but in addition to all these enumerated advantages the state and federal governments will contribute possibly five dollars to one spent by the county; all this money will go into the pockets of the citizens of Wise county for labor performed in the building of this program of roads. All praise to our competent commissioners' court.—Chico Review.

Col. Dick McCarty of Albany Visits in Town

Col. Dick McCarty, editor of the Albany News, Shackelford county's most outstanding citizen, was in Decatur Saturday, en route to the West Texas chamber of commerce meeting in Wichita Falls. Col. Dick delivered the welcome address at the big gathering. While in town he was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office.

The Irish gentleman and the Messenger editor were comrades in arms and so-forth during the unpleasantness with Spain, serving in the Third Texas regiment. We know Dick McCarty; he is a prince of fellows, honest, and his friendship is at true as rip-saw steel. We rejoice to know that our long time friend is succeeding in the newspaper field. He is a relative of the Fords here.

DOUGLASVILLE

Miss Edith Ford, who has been teaching school at Dido, attended our picnic Friday.

Mrs. Susie Devers and children of Fort Worth, spent Friday and Saturday of last week with relatives here.

Mrs. Lee Smith is in a hospital at Decatur, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her condition was serious for some time, but we are glad to report she is better now.

Our school closed last Friday with a picnic. In the afternoon both the patrons and pupils enjoyed a baseball game between Aurora and Douglasville, the score being 12 to 3 in favor of the latter.

HOWARD ACQUITTED IN LOCAL COURT MONDAY

Jury in the case against Clemmy Howard, charged with disturbing the peace by using loud, vociferous and indescent language in a public place, returned a verdict of not guilty in 'Squire H. E. Brady's court Monday morning.

Mr. Howard was indicted some days ago, and it was alleged that he, in company with a lady friend, entered a restaurant on East Main street and while partaking of ice cream he became boisterous and abusive, using unlady-like language in the presence of a number of customers in the house. At the trial one witness testified that the language used by Mr Howard was loud and vociferous—so loud that "he could be heard on the public square."

Four witnesses, including a Mrs. Driscoll, who testified she accompanied Mr. Howard to the restaurant, and who accepted a treat of ice cream from him, swore he did not use language that was calculated to disturb the peace of anyone. "Had he used bad language in your presence would you have reported him to the officers, Mrs. Driscoll?" asked the prosecuting attorney. Mrs. Driscoll replied that she "certainly would have reported him."

The jury was out only a few minutes. Justice Brady's court room was filled during the proceedings.

Mr. Howard, on the stand, denied the charges, and when asked by County Attorney F. A. Davenport if he were in the habit of partaking of strong drink and talking loud in public places swore he was not given to drinking and that his conversations were conducted in a mild tone of voice.

Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Vaughn and daughters of Chico, were in this city Saturday.

Miss Juanita Perrin of Fort Worth was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Blewett and family Sunday.

Tom Blanton's enemies say he is an agitator. If true a palpitating public would suggest that other congressmen get next to what is causing Tom to agitate and feed themselves up on it.

For Sale—Blackberries and dewberries; come and see or phone Ind. phon 5 on 4. C. D. Long, two miles west of Decatur, on Chico road, about one-fourth mile east of Bethel church.

Attend the graduating exercises of Decatur high school tonight.

Card of Thanks.

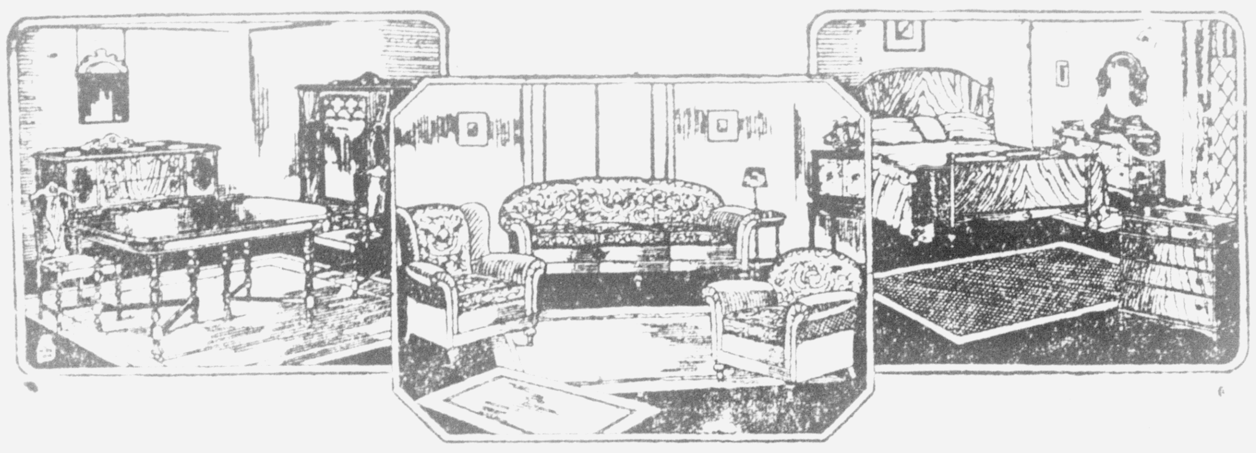
We take this means of expressing our sincere thanks for the many kind deeds of our friends and neighbors in the illness and death of our dear mother. May you have such friends when the dark clouds hover over your home.—Mrs. Alice Robison, Mrs. Sallie McGuire, William Watts, Oscar Watts, Oliver Watts.

Death has so many doors to let out life.—Beaumont and Fletcher.

Decatur Band will given an open air concert on the court house lawn next Friday night, May 27th, in the uniforms they wore at Wichita Falls as victors. Turn out and do honor to the boys who won the big prize.

For Sale—Nice springer Jersey heifer; also a Jersey cow that will soon freshen. W. W. Brown at post office.

He who should teach men to die would at the same time teach them to live.—Montaigne.



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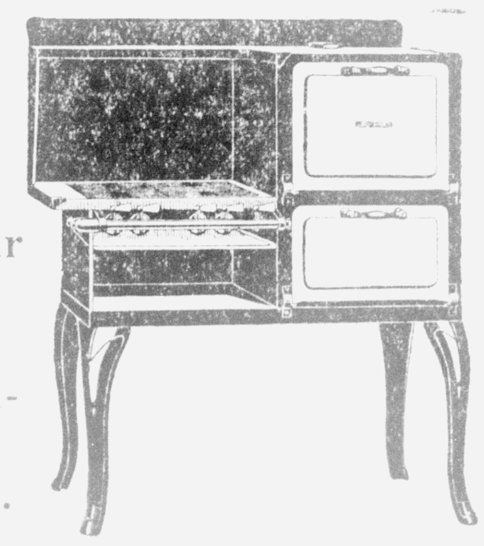

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Where an opinion is general it is usually correct.—Jane Austen.

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We would suggest that the revolutionists in Nicaragua "tell it to the marines."

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"Getting Gertie's Garter" is packing the play houses, which proves positively the world do move.

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On with the good work of constructing that seven mile stretch of highway between Sandy Creek and Decatur!

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Should Governor Moody become a candidate to succeed Earle Mayfield it would all be over 'cept the shoutin'.

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Becky Rogers held up a country bank "to get a thrill." During the coming week twelve peers of Becky will give her the thrill of her thrilling career.

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The great Woodrow Wilson tried out Cato Sells when the country was in sore need of honest, capable men at the helm. And the great Wilson found in Sells the man for the job.

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Legislature is in session in Austin. Following on the heels of the floods and cyclones, the people of Texas are asking, "Lord, what have we done to have such punishment visited on us?"

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The Denton Record-Chronicle says Dan Moody is a strange sort of governor in that he seems to think that pledges against high taxation made when he was running still hold after election.

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When Sampson parted with his flowing locks he surrendered his strength; when Aimee McPherson went to the barber and had her locks bobbed she lost her pulling power, insinuates Jim Lowery of Honey Grove.

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This about Al Smith, from the Chico Review, A. S. Whitehead, editor: "If Al Smith had lived in Spain two hundred years ago and had written that letter there wouldn't he have made a nice morsel for the inquisition?"

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It is said that a quart of whiskey weighs two pounds. This may be the correct weight of the liquid before using, but after taking the "stuff" it gets so awful heavy that it is impossible for the average man to carry it.

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If the people of Texas are in dead earnest in their clamor for patriots to take the places of politicians down in Austin let them begin the work of "cleaning house" in the coming election of senators and representatives.

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The good citizens of Decatur are behind Mayor Ward in his endeavors to clean up the tax rolls and put the Delightful Town on a sound financial basis. But, brethren, there are other ills pestering the old burg. For instance, the wanton disregard that the reckless auto drivers entertain for that perfectly good parking and speed limit law.

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If Dan Moody enters the race for United States senator he will be elected. When he vacates the big chair under the glistening dome in Austin that matchless man and patriot, Cato Sells, should be called to the position. Let the people continue the good work by succeeding one of the best chief executives the state has ever had with a man of the same type and caliber.

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What appears to be authentic authority comes the report that the state's chief educational instructor, S. M. N. Marrs, is spending a goodly sum of the money allotted to his department to put afoot a campaign to boost himself into the governor's seat. With the announcement that Governor Dan Moody would be a candidate for U. S. senator comes a show-down of a number of out-landish, yea, laughable, aspirations.

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Clarence Darrow makes much of the fact that the chemical materials that compose a man's body could be bought at a drug store for ninety five cents. Then the man whose services to a great business enterprise are worth a hundred thousand dollars a year is producing the most astonishing return from his capitalization. As a matter of fact his capital is something far greater than the market price of his mineral elements. The fact that you can not see or weigh or touch with your fingers the mind, the character, the soul of a man does not mean that these things do not exist.

Political Bee Abuzz.

Politicians were interested in the report that Gov. Dan Moody would be a candidate for United States senator next year and were particularly impressed by that fact that altho the statement was given out on Tuesday night by a close friend of the governor expectations of a prompt denial have not been realized, three days after it was uttered. Former Gov. Colquitt announced some time ago he would seek the place. Senator Mayfield is already running for re-election. Congressman Blanton of the Abilene district is seeking expressions from the voters and friends as to the desirability of his entering the race, and Former Governor Ferguson is expected to be a candidate. Moody's entry would complicate matters not only in that race, but would open the way for a free-for-all in the gubernatorial contest that likely would be left to him alone if he sought a second term. C. O. Austin, former state bank commissioner of Texas, is announced for the governorship. Speaker Bobbitt, Lieutenant Governor Miller, Attorney General Pollard, Chairman Sterling of the highway commission are considered as other probabilities—all on the understanding that Moody gets out of their way.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

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The palpitating patriots of Delightful Decatur are awaiting the move of Mayor S. M. Ward toward curbing the reckless disregard the auto drivers in the town hold for the parking ordinance. The honorable mayor has the authority to see that the law is enforced. The mayor's action is awaited.

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These citizens living beyond the limits of the precinct, opposed to the building of the seven mile gap in the Thirty-Ninth state designated highway, are threatening court proceedings to estop the action of the county commissioners' court in ordering the little stretch put in travelable condition and meet the requirements of the state highway commission. Messenger undersands the movement is being put afoot by citizens of the Alvord community, a community which today would be without the great Meridian Highway had not the identical program been fllowed by a court some years ago.

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Twenty Years Ago

Messenger, May 17, 1907.

Mrs. Will Rush and father, A. B. Conley, are visiting the family of J. F. Conley near Alvord this week.

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W. T. Waggoner and Tom B. Yarbrough of Fort Worth, were here on Thursday looking after their business interests.

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At a meeting of the First National Bank directors last Thursday morning J. A. Simmons was elected as assistant cashier.

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B. W. Faith killed his first wolf this week at his place two and one-half miles north of town. He says it was a lober, and one of the largest he ever saw.

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Will Blythe of Colorado, is visiting his mother's family east of town. Mr. Blythe has been in the mining business in Colorado for the past twenty years.

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Died—At her home in Decatur, on Wednesday, May 15th, Miss Olive Bailey, aged twenty-six years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey, after a lingering illness of four weeks. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church Thursday morning at ten o'clock, after which the remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery.

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John W. Moore, who recently moved from here to Fort Worth, is now on the police force in that city. Decatur citizens must make first class officers. The Fort Worth force has Dee Allgood, former tax collector of this county, who is a sergeant of detectives; W. G. Bryan, former night watchman at Decatur; Sam McGlothlin, former officer about the jail here; and John Moore, former high sheriff of Wise county. Dee Allgood has been with Maddox's force for several years and it is said that he stands high in the estimation of the police department and has recently been appointed sergeant of the detective force.

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J. E. Neel of Boyd, attended the board of trustees of Decatur College called for the purpose of accepting the resignation of Rev. J. L. Ward, president; and also for the purpose of electing his successor. The board elected Rev. J. B. Tidwell as president of the college, and while we regret to lose Bro. Ward from that capacity where he has served so many years, laboring long and faithful in order to place the college on its present high plane among the religious institutions, yet we feel glad that his former position is to be filled by a man like J. B. Tidwell, whose strong, active master mind is always alert, struggling and laboring for the best interests of all students who seek educational and religious instruction at his hands.

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Sam Houston's Love Mystery.

And now comes the strange incident in Houston's life, which remains a mystery even today. Houston, young and popular, successful, governor of Tennessee, was married to Miss Elizabeth Allen of Sumner, Tennessee, a young woman of good family. Three months after the marriage his wife deserted him and returned to her father's home. All at once the friends of Houston in Tennessee were shocked to learn that the governor had resigned his office.

Indeed, we may better say that Houston simply walked out of the governor's office without hesitation, left the interests of the commonwealth to take care of themselves as best they might, placed his own personal feelings above all other considerations, abandoned his family and his friends, cast away his fortune like a weakling or a giant—one may choose as to that—went once more into the forest to join the savages with whom he had spent his boyhood years. He paid no attention to the importunities of his associates, not even to a letter from his powerful friend, General Jackson. The big man had received a great hurt.

For him there was no cure but in the healing silence of the wilderness.

Strong men require strong remedies. For years among the savages he drank and again drank, until he lost part of his ancient manhood and became indeed, at times, an object of contempt among them until they gave him the name of "The Big Drunk."

Forty Years Ago

Messenger, May 21, 1887.

W. W. Brady returned from California on last Monday, looking somewhat recruited by his long trip.

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C. More, proprietor of the Decatur roller mill, announces that he will grind wheat and corn each day in the week, provided there is enough to keep the mill running.

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The citizens of Decatur have had another railroad meeting this week, and it is said Dallas Northwestern stock is rising again.

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Dr. Renshaw, one of the oldest, best known and most highly respected citizens in this county, died yesterday and will be buried today.

666
is a prescription for
Colds, Grippe, Flu, Dengue, Bilious Fever and Malaria.
It kills the germs.
(38)

There is an hour in each man's life appointed to make his happiness, if he seizes it.—Beaumont and Fletcher.

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Federal Land Bank of Houston, which serves the farmers of this state thru three hundred and fifty local co-operative farm loan associations, covering evedy agricultural county in the state, is celebrating its tenth anniversary in a state wide convention there. In the ten years in which it has been operating it has made more than fifty thousand long term first mortgage loans to farmers of the state in an amount in excess of $156,000,000. It began with a capital stock of $750,000 furnished by the United States treasury and now has a capital, reserve and undivided profits of $9,570,027 owned by the borrowing farmers. The net loans now on its book amount to $133,000,000; its records record for foreclosure on farms is only thirty-seven in ten years of lending on more than fifty farms. The delinquency in payment of installments by borrowers, as of this date, is only $1,722, or one-fiftieth of one per cent of the annual installments.

A Texas ranger captain assumed too much authority in the town of Borger the other day, and now the "get-your-man" representative of the law is out of a job. The cap'n arrested a newspaper reporter and because the reporter refused to be scared and beg the pardon of the two gun man under the big white hat he was put in jail. The affair was reported to Governor Dan Moody and, now, as stated, the ranger captain is off of the pay-roll.

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A tractor that plows while you sleep is reported to be in operation on farms in Nebraska. Now you tell one.

AN EXHILARATING EFFECT

A bottle of Herbine on the shelf at home is like having a doctor in the house all the time. It gives instant relief when the digestion gets out of order or the bowels fail to act. One or two doses is all that is necessary to start things moving and restore that fine feeling of exhilaration and buoyancy of spirits which belongs only to perfect health. Price 60c. Sold by

EMPIRE DRUG CO. — DECATUR

FRIENDLY TIPS FOR OUR DEPOSITORS

The quicker you deposit checks payable to you, the safer it will be for you.

Watch your check stubs. Figure up your balance often. This may save embarrassment for you and for us.

Always allow us a reasonable time for collection, before drawing on the out-of-town checks.

Making out your own deposit slip saves your time and ours.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK
S. A. LILLARD, President
DECATUR, TEXAS

IF YOU'D LISTEN!

NOTHING makes a man sleep like an hour or two in a car before bedtime. It relaxes his mind and muscles and puts him in shape to rest. You could drive a new Ford every night if you'd listen to what we have to say. We know you think you can't afford a car. But we want you to take one and pay for it on terms that won't worry you. When you get it paid for you will have an asset—something saved that you wouldn't otherwise have.

We have a world of faith in a man's ability to pay for a car, because we have seen so many attempt it doubtfully and finish it triumphantly.

We will make it easy for you to pay and we will help you keep your Ford in good running order. Every two weeks we will expect you to drive into our service plant, right down town, for inspection and any necessary adjustments. We will put water in your battery, and attend to anything else that should be done.

Make up your mind that you are going to take a little drive every evening after supper. It can be arranged if you will see us about it. We guarantee that no dealer will do more to help you buy, or will serve you more faithfully after you do.

Decatur Motor Co.
"Complete Automotive Service"
N. Trinity Street : : : Decatur, Texas

W. C. T. U. ADDS MANY TO ROLLS IN CAMPAIGN

Twenty new members were added to the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union during the campaign that closed May 8th, Mother's Day. The national W. C. T. U. membership drive began on January 16th, the eighth anniversary of national prohibition, lasting four months; but our local union put on an intensive two weeks membership drive. The membership was divided into two groups, with volunteer captains over each; Mrs. Bruce Bulgarel lead one side and Mrs. T. J. Elder the other. Mrs. Bulgarel's side secured a much larger number than the other, and the winning side will be entertained by the losing side at an early date.

But the membership drive is not over. Following May 8th let us continue to win new members right along up to our state convention, which is to be held in Austin in October. There is a double duty involved, typified by our famous slogan, "Hold Fast and Go Forward."

For fifty-four years the women of America have joined the W. C. T. U. to fight the liquor traffic, and in all that time this organization has offered them the most effective means of expressing their hatred of the greatest evil in the world. From an inconspicuous group the W. C. T. U. has grown into one of the typical institutions of this country and has spread around the globe until it is well organized in fifty other countries! It is the mother of our national prohibition—it started the organized movement among women which paved the way for a country without a saloon; and today it is seeking a million women within its range to with-stand the resperate thrusts of the outlawed liquor interests now gathering for a final battle. The W. C. T. U. invites to membership all women who believe in prohibition and who want to retain it in this country.

Eight years ago, when national constitutional prohibition, for which the national W. C. T. U. had been working since its beginning became a fact many people, among them some white ribboners, thought the victory was complete and they could rest from their labors; but they reckoned without an adequate conception of the power of appetite and the temptation offered certain classes to make easy money in appeasing the appetite. Strong forces whose fortunes had been built up by catering to a depraved craving for alcoholic stimulants gathered themselves together to create a public sentiment against the laws. But the W. C. T. U. has not disbanded or lost heart. Today it has risen to the occasion as an organization should do that is called of God for a purpose.

"The W. C. T. U. must not shrink from the encounter, but with faith in its righteous cause it must be prepared to answer, 'Here am I, send me,' when the Lord asks, 'Who will rise for me against the evil doers; who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity'?"

There will be a meeting of the local union this Friday p. m. at four o'clock at the M. E. church. Let us have a good attendance. We are especially anxious to have all the new members present. W. C. T. U. Reporter.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Juanita Howard, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, Texas, on the last Monday in May, A. D. 1927, the same being the 30th day of May, A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 5646, wherein K. W. Howard is plaintiff, and Jaunita Howard is defendent, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1927, and continued to live together as man and wife until the 9th day of April, 1927, at which time they were separated and have not since lived together as man and wife. Plaintiff further alleges that he is an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas and has resided in said state for a period of more than twelve months, and that he has resided in Wise County, Texas, more than six months next preceding the making and filing of this petition, that defendant shortly after their said marriage commenced a studied course of cruel, harsh and tyrannical treatment toward plaintiff which continued with slight intermissions up until the time of their said separation, and that their further living together as man and wife is insupportable. Plaintiff prays judgment of the court that he be divorced from defendant and that the bonds of matrimony existing between them be dissolved, for costs of suit and for such other and further relief in law and in equity as he may be entitled to receive.

Herein fail not but have you before said court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your retun thereon, showng how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Wise County, Texas, on this the 25th day of April, A. D. 1927.—J. C. ALEXANDER, Clerk of District Court, Wise County, Texas. (Apr 29-May 20)

Fine Arts Students of D. H. S. Give Recitals

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the pupils of Mmes. J. M. Crisp and B. A. Man were presented in recitals in the high school auditorium.

Misses Cathryn Ruth Helm, Isobelle Hunt, Imogene Moore and Anna Eloyse Cook, graduates in piano, and Misses Gladys Clements, Eva Ruth Brady and Hanna Marie Renshaw, graduates in expression, were presented on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Those who took part in the joint recital of the two classes Wednesday evening were: Misses Norma Taylor, Mary Lou Plaxco, Lanier Rogers, Lydia Alice Maidens, Virginia Loveless, Frances Green, Movelda Rhine, Jewel Gladys Bradford, Alvarita Badger, Jewel Burton, Mildred Griner, Evelyn Workman, Jane Carlton Loveless, Vera Cocanougher, Vivion Pearson, Emma Lynn Gill, Eloise Stone, Maxine Christian, Jena Fay Toland, Minnie Myers, Mary B. Lobdell, Gladys Thomason, Venita Nell Clark, Naomi Wright, Ruth Workman, Maurine Van Meter, Daisy Manire and Lois Breedlove; Messrs. H. L. Donaldson, Noice Vernet and Frank McMordie.

LONE STAR NEWS

Miss Jewel Henry has just recovered from a case of the measles.

Rev. and Mrs. Hanna of Decatur, were Sunday guests of W. V. Wallace.

Hopewell B. Y. P. U. class will present a program at this place Sunday afternoon, June 5th.

Several from this place went to Decatur first of the week to hear Dr. J. Frank Norris preach.

Orvid Mowery and family of Alvord, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his brother, L. H. Mowery, and family.

On the afternoon of fifth Sunday, May 29th, the singing convention will be held at Lone Star. Everybody is invited to come and bring books.

Bethel M. E. Church.

Bro. W. T. Whiteside preaches at Bethel Sunday morning; dinner on the ground; quarterly conference in the afternoon. Let all the members come. Enjoy the good preaching and the christian fellowship. We are looking for a great day.—Outler D. Gose.

Miss Vesta Denny, popular and charming young lady of Chico, was visiting in the city Wednesday. Miss Denny will visit with friends and relatives near Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Wilkerson visited in Fort Worth Sunday.

DECATUR BAND TAKES PRIZE AT CONVENTION

(concluded from page one)

name of Decatur and Decatur College. These were made on the streets of Wichita Falls and in the hotel lobbies of that town. Marching thru-out the principal streets and stopping to hold brief concerts in the presence of the inter-mingled thousands of visitors were the features of these demonstrations. They occurred Monday forenoon, afternoon in connection with the big parade and Monday night when the attendance on the convention had reached its greatest height. The small lay delegation that accompanied the band from Decatur to Wichita Falls bore aloft signs that designated Decatur Band itself and Decatur College. Marching delegation was composed of President C. P. Dodson and Secretary Cliff Cates of the Decatur chamber of commerce, and L. C. Boyd.

To P. M. Curry and Decatur College students belong the credit for working out the design for the general parade that attracted attention to the college. This was the figure dummy of a man erected on a scaffold and framed to Mr. Curry's automobile. It was driven thru-out the long parade by Mr. Curry, who followed immediately behind the band. Accompanying signs bore the legend, "We Have Hung Bill Ignorance—Decatur College $340.50 a Year, All Expenses."

The band made a pretty appearance in its white sailor uniforms with sailor hats. Executing the quick, snappy step wherever it went, it made one of the livest groups of the kind at the convention. All Decatur was pleased at the news of the band's victory.

Decatur Lions Club voted Wednesday noon at its weekly luncheon to entertain the members of the band and their ladies with a moon-light picnic next week, in appreciation of the fine showing it made in the Wichita Falls convention.

Little Miss Norene Miles of Burkburnett, is visiting her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Miles, in this city.

Mrs. W. B. Man, who has been on the sick list for several days, is reported improving.

CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES

Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and so weaken their vitality that they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to child life. The safe course is to give a few doses of White Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by
EMPIRE DRUG COMPANY—Decatur

District Agent Inspects Price Kitchen of Wise

Miss Myrtle Murray, district home demonstration agent, was here this week, and in company with Miss Alma Sims, county home demonstration agent, visited the home of Mrs. J. E. McDaniel, inspecting the kitethen that was recently declared the winner in the county wide contest.

As victor in the county contest Mrs. McDaniel will compete in the district contest, the winner to be announced latter part of the month. The state competition will be decided and given out at the farmers' short course at College Station in July.

Mt. Zion M. E. Church.

The meeting closed Sunday night. The Lord was with the people. There were six conversions and seven additions to the church. The members are determined to lead better lives in the future.—Outler D. Gose.

Suffered
weak, nervous

"I WAS in a very weakened, run-down condition, surely in need of a tonic and builder," says Mrs. J. R. Wrenn, of Anna, Texas. "I was so weak I had to go to bed, and kept getting weaker.

"I suffered with my back so much. I was very nervous, couldn't rest good at night. I couldn't eat anything—I just wasn't hungry.

"I had read so much of Cardui, I thought best to use it. I took seven or eight bottles, and by the time I had taken them I was stronger than I had been in several years. I can highly recommend Cardui."

Thousands of others have found that the tonic effects of the purely vegetable ingredients of Cardui were just what they needed to help restore their appetites, to help bring them easily and naturally back to normal health and strength. It has been found of great benefit in so many cases of weakness, that you should surely try it, when in need of a good tonic.

Buy it at your druggist's.

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USE THE GMAC PLAN to enjoy a new car *now*. Use it to get a *better* car for what you plan to spend. Have General Motors quality. Share in the economies of volume production. Look over the list of General Motors cars below. See which car suits your purse. Then check and mail the coupon. We will send you full information about that car and about the fair, low-cost GMAC Plan of paying for it out of income. Don't wait. Clip the coupon and mail it TODAY.

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PLEASE send, without any obligation to me, illustrated literature about the General Motors product I have marked below—together with the name of the nearest dealer in case I may wish a demonstration. *ALSO SEND YOUR PROVING GROUND BOOK.*

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Address ....

CHEVROLET 7 models—$525 to $745
☐ The quality car of the low-priced field. 3-speed transmission. Strong rear axle. Smooth dry-disc clutch. Over-head valve engine. Fisher Bodies. Duco finish. Fully equipped. CHEVROLET TRUCK CHASSIS: ½-ton, $395; 1-ton, $495.

PONTIAC 5 models—$775 to $975
☐ A low-priced "six" which is a quality product in appearance and construction. Value proved by unprecedented sale. Has largest 6-cylinder engine in its price class. Beautiful lines. Fisher Bodies. Duco finish. All conveniences.

OLDSMOBILE 11 models—$875 to $1190
☐ A fine car at moderate cost. Gratifies your finer taste; satisfies every need. Beautiful Fisher Bodies. Duco finish. Powerful 6-cylinder engine. Harmonic balancer and other new improvements. 4-wheel brakes. And a wide choice of models.

OAKLAND 7 models—$1095 to $1295
☐ Winning and holding goodwill everywhere because of its superior performance. Fisher Bodies. Duco finish. Rubber silenced chassis. 4 wheel brakes. A "six" whose quality is doubly assured as a product of General Motors.

BUICK 18 models—$1195 to $1995
☐ Everybody knows Buick's worth. General Motors emphasizes Buick's statement that its new models represent "The Greatest Buick Ever Built." Vibrationless beyond belief. 6-cylinder valve-in-head engine. Fisher Bodies. Duco finish.

LASALLE 6 models—$2495 to $2685
☐ General Motors' latest contribution to the fine car field. New and beautiful car designed and built by Cadillac as a companion car to Cadillac. Has V-type 8-cylinder engine. Fisher Bodies. Duco finish. Now on display.

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On the cars of motorists everywhere, these wonderful tires are delivering unheard-of long mileage with greater safety and comfort.

The Firestone Balloon Tread, scientifically designed three years ago, and unchanged today, follows the contour of the tire carcass with no excess rubber at the edges to cause "shoulder breaks". Narrow rider strips permit the tread to yield to depressions and cling to the road, preventing skidding. This tough, pliable tread has the wear-resisting qualities for thousands of extra miles.

Such a tread must be placed on a carcass with the qualifications to withstand the terrific flexing that this design permits. The Firestone carcass is made of cords dipped in a rubber solution which not only saturates and insulates every fiber of every cord, but unifies sidewalls with carcass, avoiding separation under the extreme flexing.

Many Firestone Dealers are prepared to offer you a liberal allowance for your old tires, on a new set of Gum-Dipped Tires to start the motoring season.

To meet a demand for a low price tire and tube, Firestone designed and manufactures, for Firestone Dealers only, Oldfield Tires and Tubes, which carry the Standard Manufacturers' Guarantee.

OLDFIELD TIRES
At Low Cash Prices

30x3	Fabric	$5.85
30x3½	Fabric	6.85
30x3½	Cord	7.35
29x4.40	Balloon	8.40
32x4	Cord	13.40
31x5.25	Balloon	15.35
33x6.00	Balloon	18.35

Oldfield Tubes Also Priced Low

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Decatur, Texas

LOCAL NEWS

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Messenger accepts advertising on the guarantee that it has more bona fide circulation than any other newspaper printed in Wise county; that its actual, bona fide subscription list is greater by three times than any other publication in Decatur. Books and records are open to advertisers.

Copy for advertising should be in the office not later than six o'clock Wednesday evening to insure good position. No advertising accepted after nine o'clock Thursday morning for Friday's issue.

REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH

W. Falls	Dec.	Ft. Worth	Dallas
11:55 am	2:14 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm
2:00 am	4:32 am	6:00 am	7:45 am
7:06 am	9:09 am	10:30 am	11:55 am

NORTH

Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec.	W. Falls
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm
6:45 pm	8:20 pm	9:40 pm	11:35 pm
11:00 pm	12:40 pm	2:06 am	4:40 am

Captain H. E. Brady was in Dallas Wednesday.

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Mrs. R. E. Carswell and Miss Clothilde Davis are visiting friends in Dallas.

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Mrs. L. T. Owens returned Sunday from Dallas, where she has been visiting relatives and friends.

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Marriage licenses were issued by the county clerk's office since last issue of the Messenger to J. R. Cline and Mrs. M. A. Sickles; Olen Apple and Miss Novella McNeeley.

D. A. Golden of Alvord, was here Saturday.

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James Burk of Fort Worth, was in this city Wednesday.

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Olin Van Meter of Vega, visited his mother, Mrs. Laura Van Meter, here Tuesday.

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Mrs. R. C. Heathington has returned from Hale Center, where she visited relatives.

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Drew Rhine of Fort Worth, was in this community Sunday and Monday on business.

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Mrs. Jordan, mother of Mrs. C. P. Dodson, is here visiting this week from Nocona.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rogers of Vernon, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O. Rogers.

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J. F. Thurmond of Rhome, was here Monday night to hear Rev. J. Frank Norris speak.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harbough of Iowa Park, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moore.

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The grand jury will convene on next Monday, May 30th, when the May term of district court will be opened.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Castleberry and children of Wellington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Christian Tuesday.

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C. J. Rutland, an executive of the Texas Power & Light Company, out of the Dallas office, was in Decatur Wednesday.

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Mrs. Casstevens has returned to her home in Alvarado, after a visit with her son, Horace, in Decatur College, who has been ill with the measles.

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Marion Askey, who was stricken with paralysis while in Childress, was taken to the Baptist Sanitarium in Dallas Wednesday morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. Askey, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Askey, and Wallace Brady and wife.

A. Yell Leslie was here from Alvord Tuesday.

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Tully Vernon Terrell of Austin, was in this city Sunday.

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Mrs. M. W. Burch visited friends in Fort Worth Monday.

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Mrs. C. L. Wilkerson of Fort Worth, is visiting relatives here this week.

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Mrs. C. C. Henderson and daughter, Miss Christine, visited in Fort Worth.

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Mrs. V. S. Ross left Sunday for an extended visit with her sister in Arkansas.

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Earl Prigmore and family of Dallas, were visiting relatives in Decatur first of the week.

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Mrs. Mark Belew and children of Celina, spent the week-end visiting relatives here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meadow of Vernon, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Belew.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belew and children of Vernon, visited relatives in this city during the week-end.

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Miss Harris of the Boyd community, was visiting friends here and attending the Norris services Monday.

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Mrs. D. I. Jones and baby left Saturday for Fort Worth, where they will join Mr. Jones and the family will reside in that city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alf Brown, little son and daughter, Mrs. Clarence Collins and Miss Alice Patterson of Paradise, were in Decatur last week-end.

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Howard and Sam Man of Wichita Falls, two former Decatur boys, were here first of the week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Man.

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Boyce Smith and family of Dallas, were guests of relatives here over the week-end. Boyce is a member of the Dallas police force and is well known in this city.

Miss Mildred Dillehay was in Fort Worth Saturday.

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Miss Flora Reeves was shopping in Fort Worth Saturday.

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Miss Minnie Pearl and Worth Arnett were in Fort Worth Friday.

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Misses Ruth and Evelyn Workman were in Fort Worth Saturday.

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Mmes. Archie Morris and S. C. Ross were in Fort Worth Thursday.

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There will be an all day cemetery working at the Jonestown cemetery on Friday, June 3rd.

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S. B. Johnson and family have moved to Dallas, where he will engage in the watch repairing business.

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Miss Claudie Mae Workman of Fort Worth, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Workman, in this city Sunday.

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A party of twenty-five Dentonites arrived in Decatur early Monday morning and took breakfast at the Hotel Greathouse. They were en route to the Wichita Falls celebration.

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Senator W. H. Rice, who has been ill at his home on West Main street for several days, is improving and his many friends are hoping that he will be about and as good as ever soon.

Sam Renshaw was in Fort Worth Sunday.

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Mrs. J. H. Cates is visiting relatives in Cisco.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Workman were in Fort Worth Saturday.

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Miss Fannie Pearl Askey was shopping in Fort Worth Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pat Taylor of Moody, visited Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Petty last week-end.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Buttrill and children of Grapevine, visited in this city Sunday.

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Gordon Slagle of Greenville, is visiting in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Slagle.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCracken of Wichita Falls, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McCracken during the week-end.

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Mrs. Rosa Smith left first of the week for her home in Great Forks, North Dakota, after a visit of several months with relatives in Decatur and at Dallas.

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S. B. Wilkerson, father of C. K. Wilkerson, returned Sunday to his home near Fort Worth, after an illness of pneumonia for several days in the Rogers Sanitarium.

LOOK THIS OVER!

After May 1st I will sell any number of the best White Leghorn Chicks obtainable for $8.00 per 100 at the Hatchery. Any amount of custom hatching for $2.00 per tray of ninety-six eggs (set on Wednesday of each week).

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50c and $1.00	$1.25
30c ...... Spray Gun	...... 35c

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POWDER
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They Are Coming! By Car, Bus and Steam Road
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FOLKS! Still they come in great crowds to our big Lucky 8-Day May Sale which opened on Friday, May 13th. Judging from a hearty response given our big 4-page circular which was sent broadcast over the county proves to us that there is no truth in the old moth-eaten signs of bad luck---but instead Good LUCK for all who take advantage of this big saving event. Don't miss your big chance.

Men's and Young Men's Dress Pants

Men's $10.00 pants now $7.45
Men's 7.50 pants now selling $5.95
Men's $6.50 pants now priced $4.95
Men's $5.00 pants now priced at $3.95
Men's $4.50 pants, now priced $3.89
Men's $4.00 pants now priced $2.98

Men's Dress Shirts

One big lot men's dress shirts, broken $1.75; all sizes—now selling for—lies, with or without collars; values to

97c

Turkish Towels

35c 18x36-inch bath towels now selling at each—

15c

Table Oilcloth

35c table oilcloth; white or fancy—per yard only—

25c

Men's Work Shirts

Men's 75c blue or gray work shirts—now selling for only—

48c

Women's Slippers

One big lot of Women's Slippers now going at

25c

One hundred pairs of women's fine slippers, black patent and blonde kid. Values to $4.00, special at

$2.95

Another big group of women's Satin and Kid Slippers going at

$1.95

Children's Slippers

Children's Patent Sandals, all sizes now going for only—

$1.95

Silk Dresses

One big group of Georgette flat and satin back Crepe Dresses that sold up to $22.50, in all sizes and colors. Very special at

$16.85

Another big group of fine silk Dresses, values up to $19.50. Special at only—

$12.48

One lot of new silk and crepe dresses, pastel shades. Very special at—

$5.98

O. N. T. Thread

Six spools O. N. T. Sewing thread for

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House Dresses

Women's House Dresses, in all sizes; 36 to 52; fast colors; $1.50 values are now priced at—

98c

Boy's and girl's tennis shoes—now at

98c

Boys' Dress Shirts; sizes 10 to 14—

89c

15c 17x34 cotton huck towels—each for

10c

Boys' Blue Shirts now selling for—

48c

Children's Party Dresses

In all sizes; 2 to 7; $1.25 values—now

89c

Men's $25.00 suits in all sizes—now selling for only—

$16.45

Men's Derrick Blue Work Shirts—big special at only—

79c

35c yard-wide solid color voiles, in a big range of high colors. The yard—

25c

Sale of Men's Suits

Men's $30.00 and $35.00 Curlee suits—all sizes—Special at—

$19.95

Women's Felt Shoes

In all sizes and colors. Special at—

48c

Sheer Voiles

36-inch flock of dot sheer voiles, in a big range of colors. The yard, only—

19c

Men's $2.00 dress shirts, now going at

$1.48

Sale of Silks

$2.50 40-inch flat crepe. Colors; peach, sand, pink, monkey skin, blue and maze. Special, the yard, at—

$1.98

Dress Linens

$1.00 yard-wide all pure linene suitings in all the wanted colors. Special, per yard only—

59c

50c yard-wide silk finish Rayons—now, the yard for only—

39c

New Spring Prints

36-inch new English prints, in a big range of new Spring patterns; a regular 25c value; ow going for only, per yard—

19c

36-inch figured crepes, in silk and cotton mixtures. Values to $1.69, now per yard only—

98c

Domestics

Good grade of yard-wide bleached or brown domestic. Special, per yard—

9c

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ROOK CLUB MET WITH MRS. GRADY SLAGLE.

Rook Club met with Mrs. Grady Slagle on last Thursday afternoon.

A salad course was served to Mmes. C. W. Ferguson, Floyd Dodd, Marion Montgomery, Arch Morris, George T. Elder, H. T. Breedlove, and Earl McCracken of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. F. R. Dodd won high score in the games.

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MISSES POTTS AND McCURDY HOSTESSES TO T. O. G.

T. O. G. Club met last Friday afternoon at the home of Miss Vera McCurdy, with Misses Hortense Potts and McCurdy as hostesses.

After a short business session refreshments were served to Misses Bess McMordie, Virginia Patterson, Joyce Lacey, Ava White, Mildred Woody, Maurine McCracken, Gladys Thomason, Carrie Alice Mays, Louise Greer, Faye Reeves, Maxine Christian and the hostess.

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BAPTIST W. M. S. IN MISSION PROGRAM ON MONDAY.

Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at the church in the regular business meeting and missionary program, with twenty-five members present.

Circle six rendered an interesting program, during which splendid talks on the Southern Baptist Convention were made by Mmes. L. B. Gill, H. L. Jones, J. M. Jones, Lester Bell and J. V. Patterson.

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MISSES COOK AND DAVENPORT ENTERTAINED O. F. F.

Misses Anna Eloyse Cook and Orlena Davenport were joint hostesses to an interesting meeting of the O. F. F. Club held Friday evening at the home of Miss Cook in South Decatur.

Following an interesting program, during which Miss Emma Dean Belew sang "Moonlight and Roses" and other popular numbers, and Miss Dorothy Patterson played a number of popular selections on the piano, dainty refreshments were served to Misses Dorothy Patterson, Annette McMordie, Isobelle Hunt, Marion Smith, Orlena Davenport, Emma Dean Belew, Margaret Boyd, Imogene Moore, Flora Reeves and Minnie Pearl Arnett.

T. O. G. CLUB MET WITH MISS McCURDY FRIDAY.

The T. O. G. Club met last Friday afternoon at the home of Miss Vera McCurdy on West Walnut street.

Among those present were Misses Ava White, Bess McMordie, Louise Greer, Gladys Thomason, Faye Reeves, Virginia Patterson, Maxine Christian, Maurine McCracken, Carie Alice Mays, Thommie Gaines Gentry, Vera McCurdy, Hortense Potts, Joyce Lacey, Verna Toland and Mildred Woody.

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METHODIST W. M. S. MET IN CHURCH PARLORS MONDAY.

Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. church, south, met in their regular third Monday session in church parlors at three p. m. A good attendance was had, with the president in the chair.

After opening song Mrs. L. W. Tyler led in prayer. A short business session was had, following which Mrs. E. H. Mays led the regular monthly program, on the subject, "The Child and the New Earth." Bible lesson was Neh. 1:15. Her helpers were Mmes. W. C. Loveless, J. M. Scott and C. M. Workman.

All meetings during the summer, beginning with the next, will be held at four o'clock p. m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Miss Joyce Lacey will entertain the members of the T. O. G. Club with a slumber party at her home, south of Decatur, Monday night.

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Bible class of the M. E. church will meet Monday, May 23rd, at four p. m. with Mrs. Lester Blackburn. Lesson will be the third and fourth chapters of Galations. Mrs. J. E. Douglass is leader of the program.

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Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon in the circles at the following places: Circle one with Mrs. H. L. Jones at four o'clock; circle two at the church at four o'clock; circle three with Mrs. Johnnie McFarlin at three o'clock; circle four with Mrs. Will Bowman at three o'clock; circle five with Mrs. Jack Walker at three o'clock; circle six with Mrs. L. Taylor at three o'clock.

Cotton Baler Inventor Died in Waco Sunday

William T. Bessonnette, sixty-two years old, nationally known as the inventor of the round bale system of pressing cotton, died in Waco Sunday after an illness of three weeks.

Bessonnette's invention eliminated a necessity of maintaing a cotton compress in addition to a gin. It made it possible to gin and pack the cotton into bales at the gin.

Mrs. James McCarter and Mrs. S. T. Lillard were visitors to the West Texas chamber of commerce meeting in Wichita Falls Monday.

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FOR SALE

SEVERAL hundred baby chicks not sold for next week. They hatch on Wednesday and Friday. Write or phone me your order. They are from the best bred White Leghorns to be found anywhere. Priced at $10.00 hundred.—BOYD POULTRY FARM, Boyd, Texas. (17-tf)

FOR SALE—Two or more brand new low wheel wagons; broad tires, have never been used; will sell cheap for cash or trade for yearlings or milch cows. Phone or write D. CADDELL, route four, box one, Decatur. (18-tf)

FOR SALE—Porto Rico potato slips now ready, $1.00 per thousand.—M. J. HORTON, Atwood place. (21)

FOR SALE—Fordson tractor, John Deere double disc plow and separator with grain and peanut attachments. Call at Messenger office. (20)

FOR SALE—Jessie Frenet piano, in good condition; bargain. Call MRS. LESTER BLACKBURN, Decatur, Ind. phone 67. (16-tf)

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Three room in the C. C. Jones house.—J. W. BAILEY. (16-tf)

NICE four room cottage for rent; all rooms equipped for gas and electricity. INGRAM DRUG CO. (17-tf)

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Black and white cap; left on steps of First Baptist church in Decatur Sunday afternoon. Finder please return to MISS FRANCIS ROBERTS, Decatur. (20)

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Armour's Colonial HAMS per lb 25c
An Extra Special for Saturday
Nice, Fresh Kraft CHEESE per lb. 30c
POST'S—BRAN FLAKES box 12c
MOTHER'S—OATS Aluminum 29c China 34c

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Good, Fresh Peaberry—COFFEE per lb. 30c The Kind You Like
Kohner sugar CORN per can 17c
WESSON OIL pint 27c

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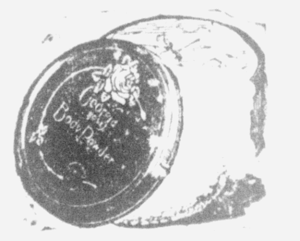
Shari Lip Stick	$1.00
Shari Beauty Cream	$1.50
Shari Cleansing Cream	$1.00
Shari Single Compact	$1.50
Shari Double Compact	$2.50

Other Suggestions for Gifts

Cara Nome Perfumes and Powders, Kodaks, Memory Books, New Pyralin Sets, Boxed Candy, Stationery, Jewelry, Fountain Pens and Pen Sets and Vanities.

Pills

25c Beecham's Liver Pills	19c
50c Beecham's Liver Pills	39c
50c Carter's Iron B and N Pills	48c
25c Carter's Little Liver Pills	17c
75c Carter's Little Liver Pills	57c
$1.25 Chichester's Mixed Pills	$1.19
30c Cuticura Pills	25c
25c Little Early River Pills	21c
60c Doan's Kidney Pills	49c
50c De Witt's K. and B. Pills	43c
$1.00 De Witt's K. and B. Pills	89c
30c Foley's Family Pills	25c
60c Foley's Kidney Pills	50c
65c Grove's Pills	63c
30c Grove's Black Root Pills	25c
30c Hall's Family Pills	25c
30c Heiskell's B. and L. Pills	28c
30c King's New Life Pills	25c
25c Lane's Liver Pills	23c
50c Papactic Pills, 100's	35c
30c Miles' Anti-Pain Pills	21c
$1.00 Miles' Anti-Pain Pills	89c
30c Morse's Indian Root Pills	25c
30c Pinkham's Pills	25c
30c Shoop's Restorative Nerve	25c
25c Tutt's Liver Pills	21c
35c Calotabs	33c



Georgia Rose Body Powder

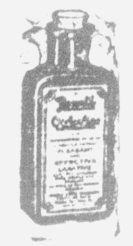
Cooling, refreshing, fragrant—special in May

79c

Firstaid Emergency Kit

Contains the essentials for rendering first aid in home, office, camp or on the road—special for month of May

89c



Rexall Orderlies

Pleasant, effective laxative. "One at Night—Next Day Bright!" An ideal laxative for children and invalids as well as robust people. Family size bottle, $1.50 value, special for May

79c

Jonteel Talcum

High grade talcum, perfumed with the famous Jonteel odor. A good talcum to use after the bath. Special for May

19c

Klenzo Bath Spray

A regular $1.50 value, special during May

98c

For the Teeth

50c Ipana	39c
50c Pebecco	39c
50c Pepsodent	39c
50c Iodent	39c

Shaving Needs

35c Barbasol	25c
$1.00 Gillettes	77c
50c Gillettes	39c
35c Palmolive shaving Cream	29c

25c Bottle of Klenzo Antiseptic Free

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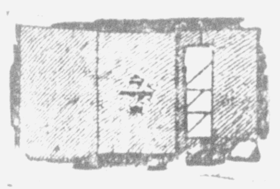

Lord Baltimore Writing Portfolio

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Ointments

35c Mulford Adrenal Ointment	30c
60c Mulford Adrenal Ointment	55c
$1.00 B. S. Eczema Oointment	95c
50c Carboil Ointment	48c
50c Carbuncle Oointment	34c
25c Cuticura Ointment	23c
30c Herbal Ointment	25c
60c Cuticura Ointment	45c
60c Heiskell's Ointment	55c
50c Hobson's Eczema Ointment	48c
50c Humphey's W. H. Ointment	49c
50c Ledox Ointment	49c
60c Kilmer's Ointment	55c
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60c Man Zan Pile Ointment	55c
50c Mascara Ointment	48c
25c Mentholatum Ointment	19c
50c Mentholatum Ointment	3c
60c Mentho Sulphur Ointment	50c
25c Mulford Ointment	20c
35c Mulford Lubroline	25c
60c Munyon's Eczema Ointment	49c
65c Musterole Ointment	49c
75c Palmer's Skin Ointment	74c
50c Loslam Ointment	45c
60c Resinol Ointment	45c
60c Red Pepper Rub Ointment	55c

Special on Cigarets — Chesterfield, Camel, Lucky Strike and Clown — 2 packages for 25c or $1.25 per carton.

A. K. SHORT IS NAMED TO LAND BANK PLACE

Judge M. H. Gossett, president of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, announces that the bank has created the department of soil conservation and terracing. A. K. (Dad) Short, who for years was connected with the A. & M. College, and recently connected with a Dallas firm, has been appointed to head the new department. Mr. Short will take up his duties with the bank on May 15th.

In speaking of the new position Judge Gossett said: "There are several different phases of the situation that [illegible] that the bank employ [illegible] broad agricultural experience [illegible] acquaintance to work [illegible] conservation problems which [illegible] the bank. In the first place [illegible] the security for farm loans and to maintain the high records this bank has made the land must be protected from loss by erosion. In the second place, this bank is one of the greatest factors in farm financing and it is desirable that the bank establish a department to further aid in agricultural development and conservation. It is recognized by all that the loss of soil and plant food by erosion is the greatest factor in the depletion of soil fertility; this being true the new department will have for its primary object the enforcement of that part of the borrower's contract pertaining to terracing. If farm loan credit is preserved it will be done thru the preservation of the soil; consequently this bank will insist that the borrowers make their loans secure by terracing all lands that are inclined to wash. In addition this bank will assist and co-operate with all agricultural agencies in the state in helping to promote a better system of agriculture in Texas."

M. P. Thurmond, secretary-treasurer of the land bank in Decatur, states that the local institution is in splendid condition. Approximately [illegible] million dollars has been loaned to the farmers of Wise county, Thurmond states, and no delinquents are being carried at present.

Crime Situation Being Studied in Dallas Men

Governor T. W. Davidson, president of the Bar Associatiton of Texas, and Sam P. Cochran, president of the Crime Suppression League of Dallas, have submitted to the members of the legislature measures recommended by those organizations for consideration in the event Governor Moody approves and submits such remedial legislation to the special session, as follows:

1.—The defendant may testify in the case as any other witness and so may his co-defendants; but if the jury should comment on his failure to do so it shall not be reversible error.

2.—That all applications for severance shall be left to the sound discretion of the court.

3.—That indictments may be amended as to descriptive matters and names and places where the same does not change the identity of the offense originally charged.

4.—That the judge and not the jury should qualify the jury, but that the judge shall submit pertinent questions requested by counsel.

5.—Where a defendant is convicted of [illegible] and secures a reversal on appeal he shall be tried again for [illegible] under the original indictment [illegible] former [illegible].

6.—That [illegible]

7.—That [illegible] the sheriff [illegible] bonds.

8.—That [illegible] within the discretion of the court and shall not be used merely as a means of delaying sentence.

9.—That a case should not be reversed for harmless error which in no way could have injured the defendant.

One of oddest English folk dances is the Abbots Bromley Horn Dance, held annually in England for hundreds of years. The dancers, twelve men, wear deer skulls with antlers attached. The custom is believed to have come down from the time of the Danish invasion and the worship of Thor and Odin.

Schools of County

BY WALLACE GREGG, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

A Weekly Compilation of Activities of the Schools of Wise County

Among the Schools.

Briar school closed last Friday after a very successful year's work under direction of Earl Van Meter, Misses Katherine Wilson and Lela Smith. The closing exercises were featured by the presentation of that excellent play, "The Little Clod Hopper," by a program by the grades and by the awarding of six grammar school diplomas to those completing the seventh grade.

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Lloyd L. Fox has been elected as principal of the Red Willow school and Miss Lorene Doyle has been elected as one of the assistant teachers.

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H. M. Flowers has signed the contract to teach the school at Liberty next term.

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The tax election in the Thomas district to raise the levy from fifty cents to one dollar carried, and plans are being formulated to remodel the school building to meet the state aid requirements for next term.

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C. A. Nichols has been re-elected superintendent of the Rhome school for another year. Mrs. C. A. Nichols and Miss Verda Logan were re-elected to their places, and the faculty has been completed with the election of Earl Van Meter, Mrs. Amelia Thurmond and Miss Emma Freeman.

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Morgan Layfield has been elected principal of the Fairview school and Mrs. Jessie Carpenter has been re-elected to the assistant's position.

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Guyman McWilliams of the [illegible] Hill school took the county examinations for the seventh grade and came out with flying colors. Guyman will receive his grammar school diploma from this office.

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Miss Dycia Crowder, principal of the Fairview school, submitted papers from six of her seventh grade pupils who took the county examinations.

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J. H. Gentry has accepted the Greenwood school for the 1927-28 term.

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Valley View school closed last Friday after a most satisfactory year's work. Patrons are loud in their praise of the excellent service rendered by the teachers, Howard Brown and Mrs. Desda Kendall. A large crowd enjoyed the final program Friday night.

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In cooperation with the teachers and patrons the county superintendent scored the Valley View school last Friday and found it is entitled to be classed in the Division B under the state department's new score card. The total score was seven hundred. This is a fine showing for the school and community. Doubtless, an even better score will be made next fall since it is now known just what can be done to raise the classification.

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Superintendent W. R. Kennedy of the Chico school reports some very interesting figures on the attendance of the children from the former [illegible] district which is now consolidated with Chico. These children are transported to and from school by truck. It appears that their percentage of attendance for the year to date is [illegible] per cent higher than for the children residing in the Chico district. It [illegible] be remembered that these are [illegible] children attending a nine months' term of school.

Miss Ruby Jo Wimberly closed her school at Jasper Creek last Friday and turned in to this office an unusually neat term report.

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Office Announcements.

Suggestion has been made to this office that the extension courses under the auspices of the Teachers' College be continued thru the summer. Any who may be interested in doing these summer courses at Decatur will communicate with either this office or Miss Geraldine Green at Decatur.

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An effort will be made to have the county board at its regular meeting the first Monday in June to classify the schools of the county so that the trustees and patrons may know just how many grades each school will be allowed to teach. Those interested in this classification are asked to meet with the board on that date to render any assistance that may be called for in this important work. It would appear wise for those schools with too few pupils for two teachers to employ only one teacher and reduce their grades to at least seven. The state has provided for high school pupils under the new tuition law. With one teacher and seven grades longer terms may be had and better salaries paid. One strong teachers with seven grades and eight months' term can render much greater educational service than two indifferent teachers with eight or nine grades in a six months' term.

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Trustees will understand that a new state aid law is to be passed by the present special session of the legislature. What conditions will be required to secure this aid can not be stated just now. It will be well to read closely the daily papers for the latest developments in the matter.

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Those school libraries having a set of the American Educator may now be supplied with extension sheets, set No. 8. To secure this new up-to-date material for insertion in the encyclopedia it is necessary that the Bellows-Durham Company be sent the proper coupon from the last volume of the set together with fifty cents.

CITIZENS OF DECATUR PLEASED WITH SQUARE

Apparently a job in the way of civic improvement that has brought general satisfaction thus far is the hard surfacing that was done on the streets of the public square. The fact that the work was done at relative cheap cost should be another source of gratification; truth is that the total cost was about one-tenth of what would have been necessary to put down concrete paving, with small difference in notable results to this date. It is true that here and there some faults and defects have shown up but these can be repaired and this should be done at no late date.

The thing that most people are pleased about, of course, is the abatement of the dust nuisance that has resulted as a consequence of the surfacing. It is necessary to recall to mind the former deplorable condition of the streets to estimate properly the change that has taken place: rocks protruding above the surface, ditches and ruts descending below, fine flour-like dust that would cover the feet of a bare-foot boy everywhere. Store folks with fine goods to protect from the wind blown dust are the most pleased naturally, but everybody with eyes to defend and tempers to keep cool is gratified.

Street committee of the chamber of commerce put over a splendid civic performance when it led in the doing of this job.

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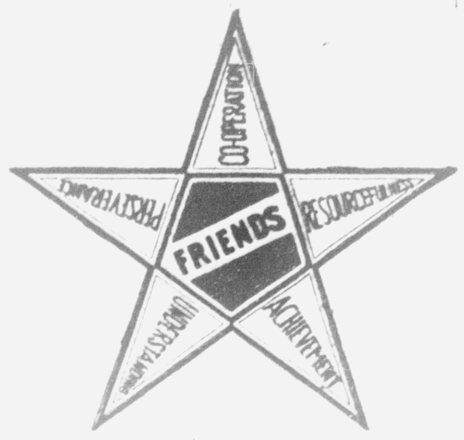

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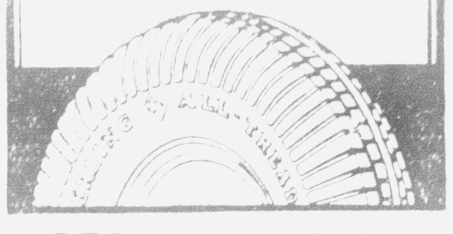

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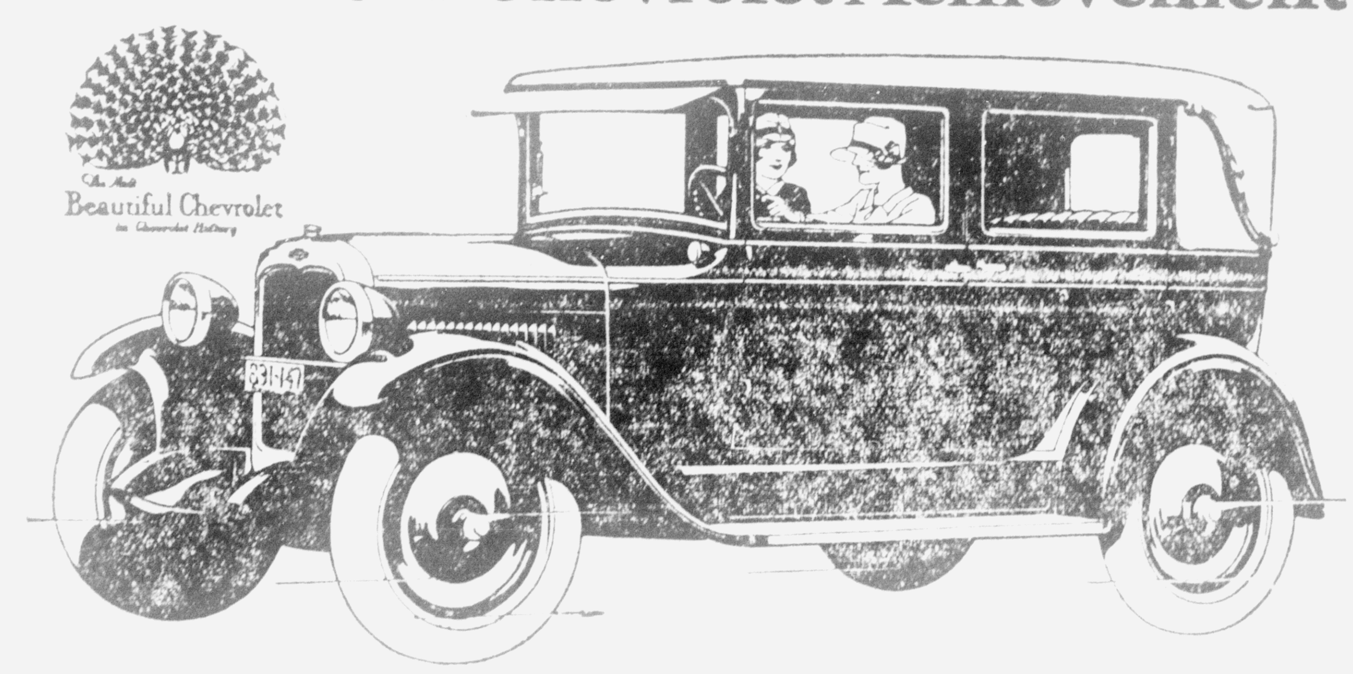
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